

# Tuning of Metal Complex Electronics and Reactivity by Remote Lewis Acid Binding to $\pi$ -Coordinated-Pyridine Diphosphine Ligands

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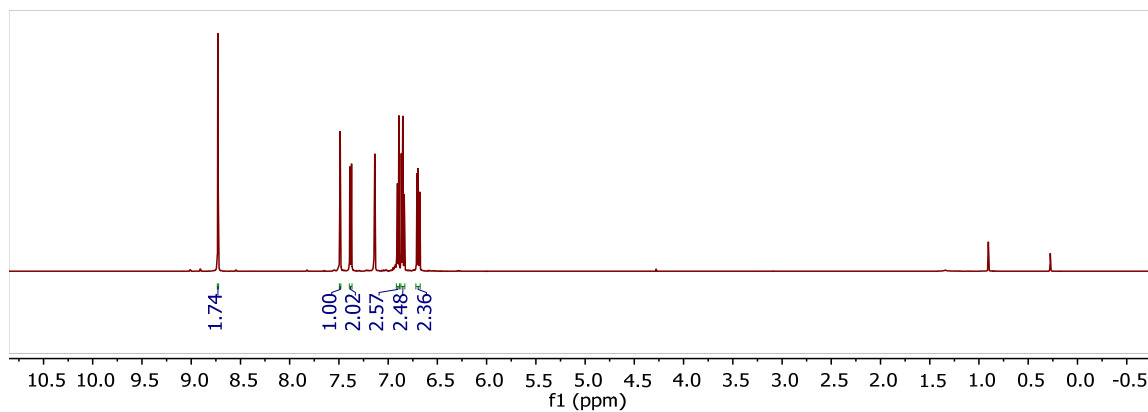
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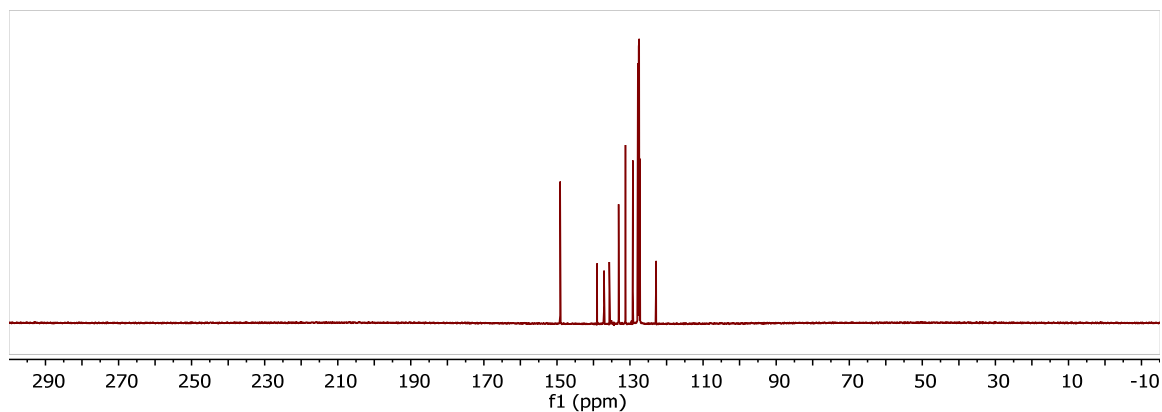
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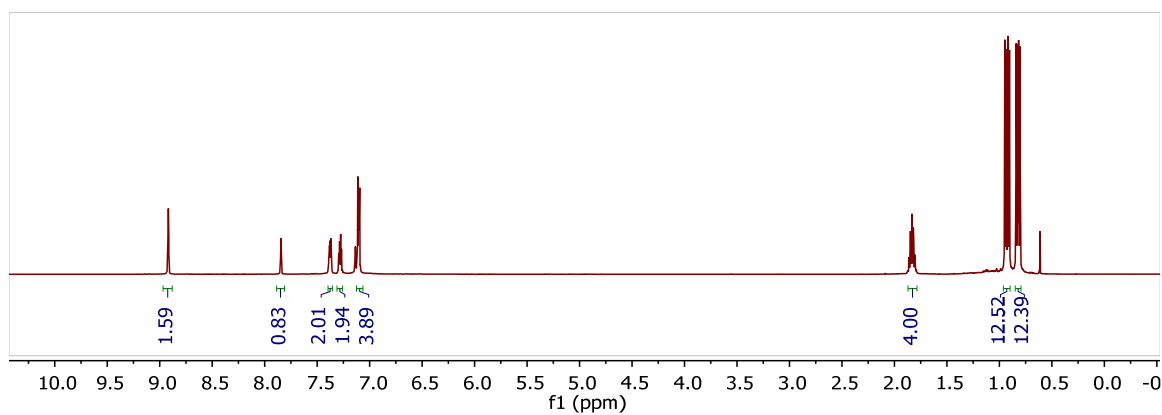
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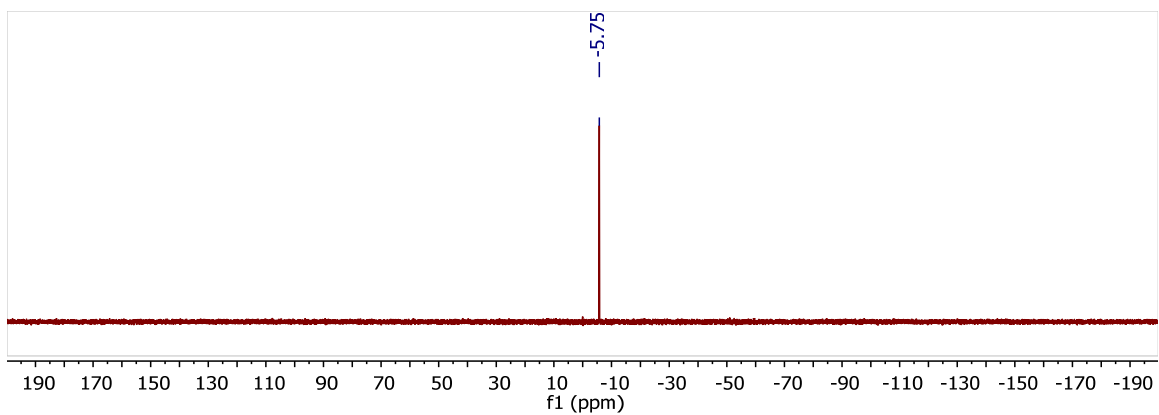
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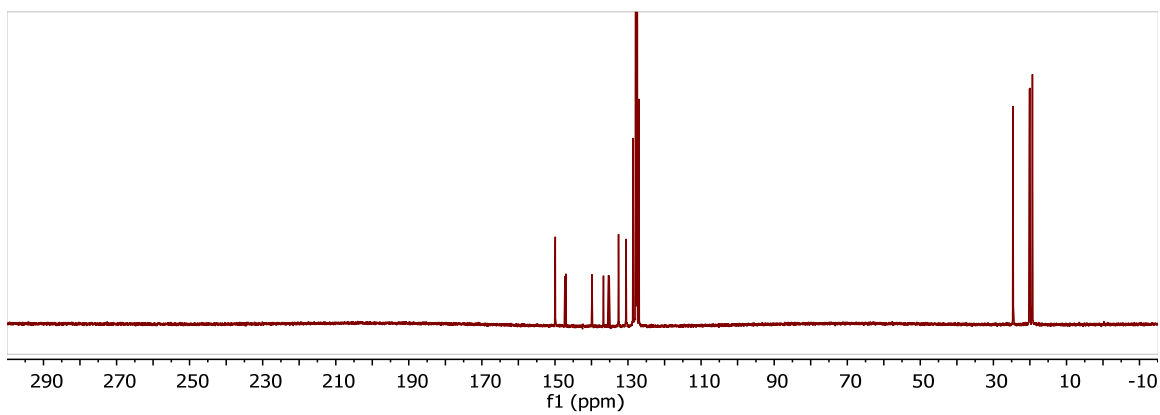
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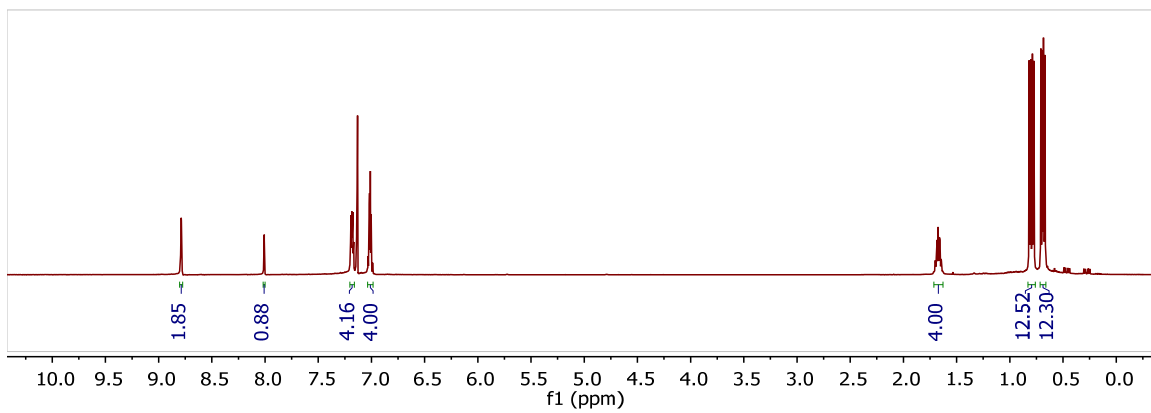
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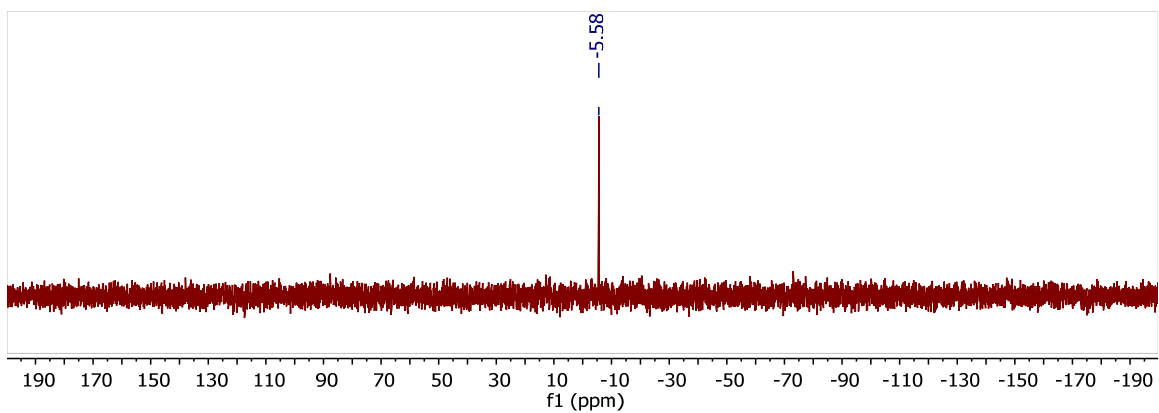
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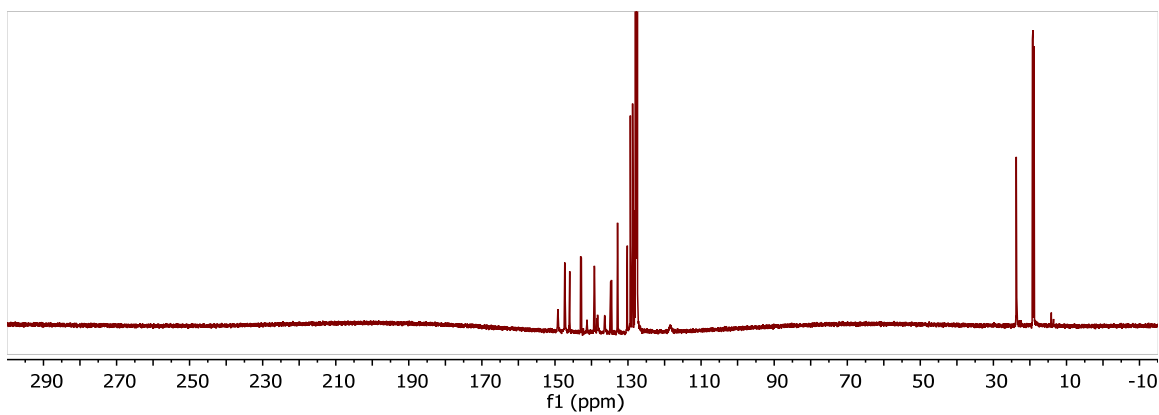
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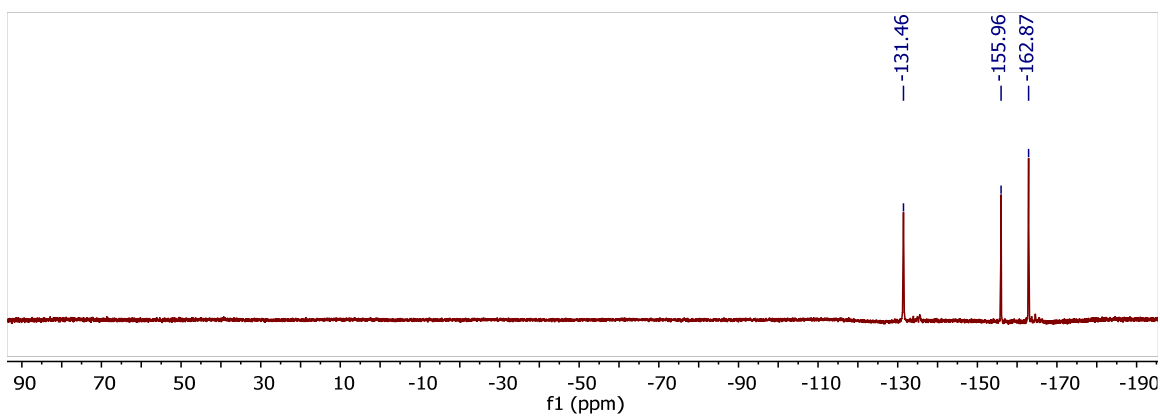
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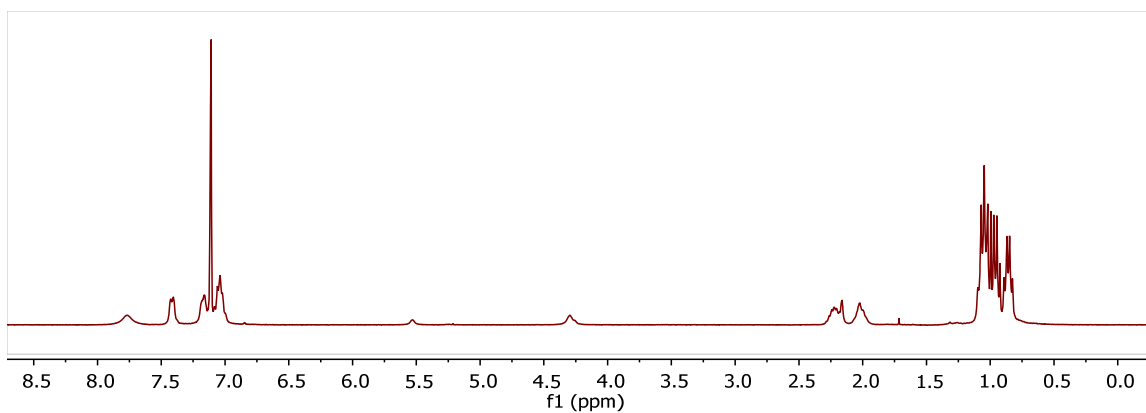
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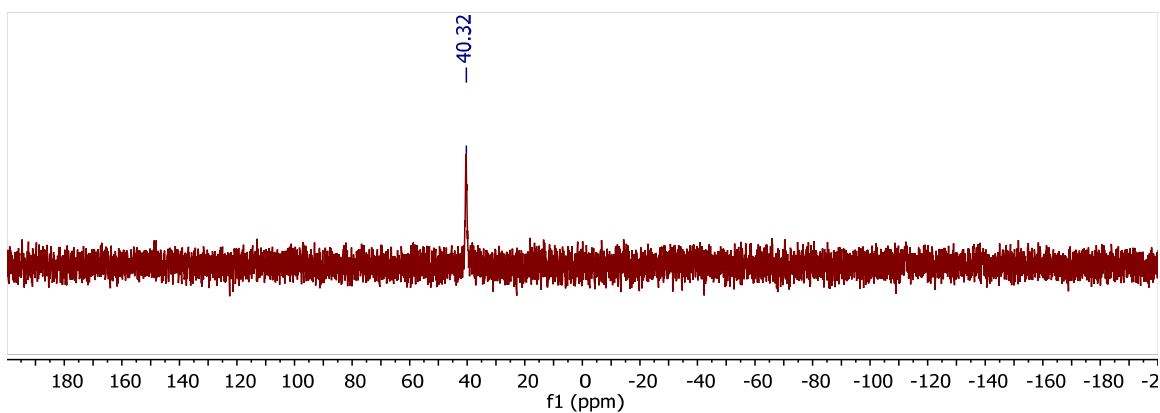
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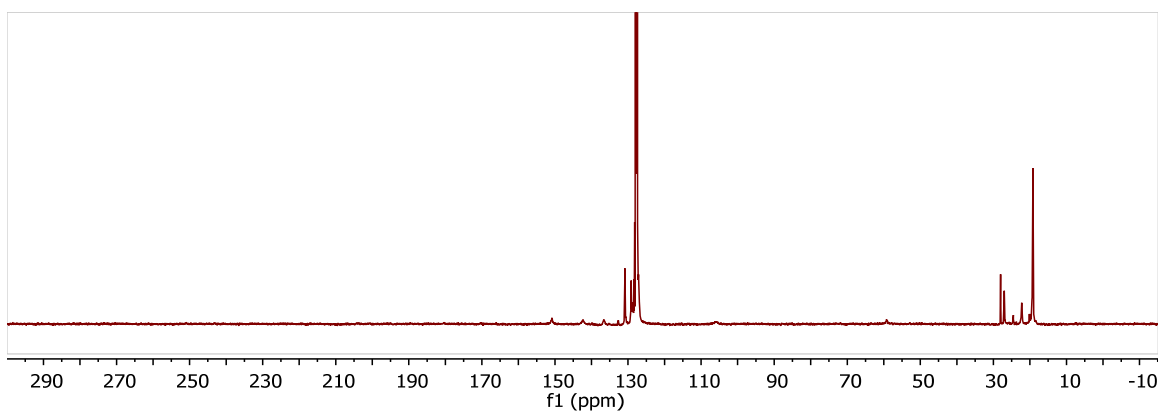
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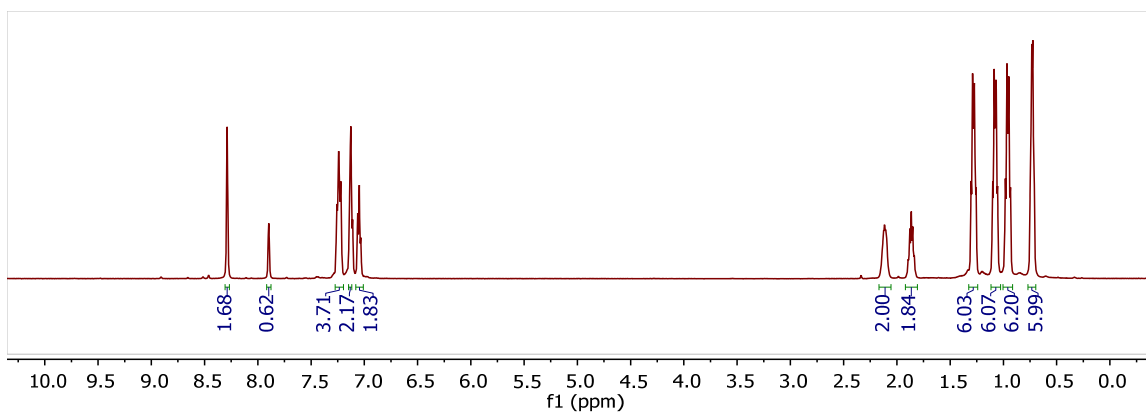
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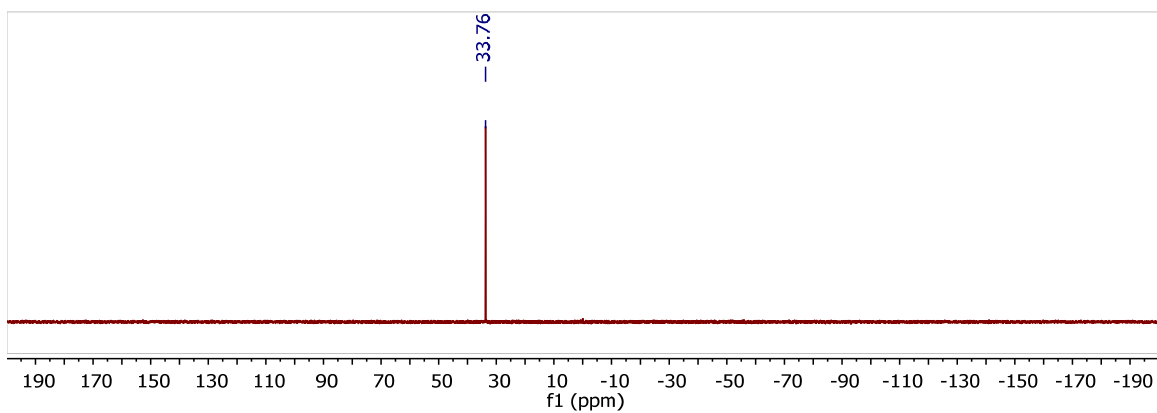
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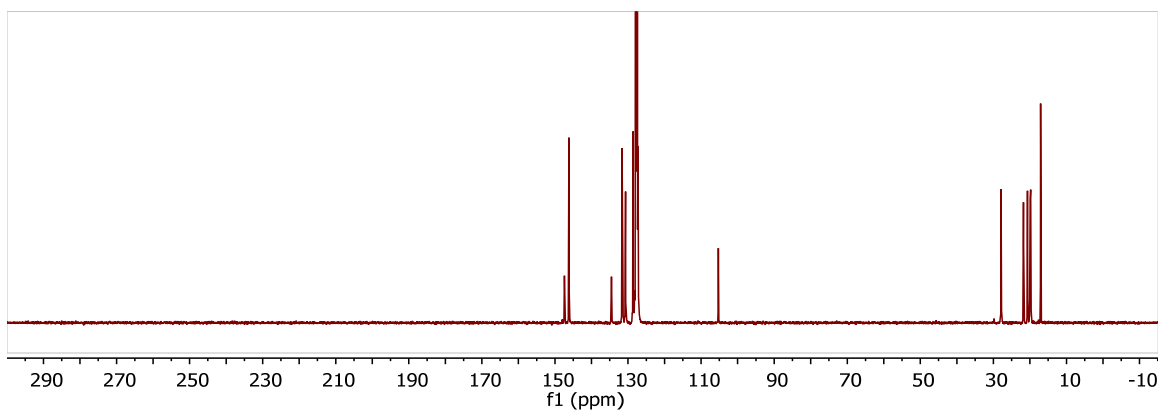
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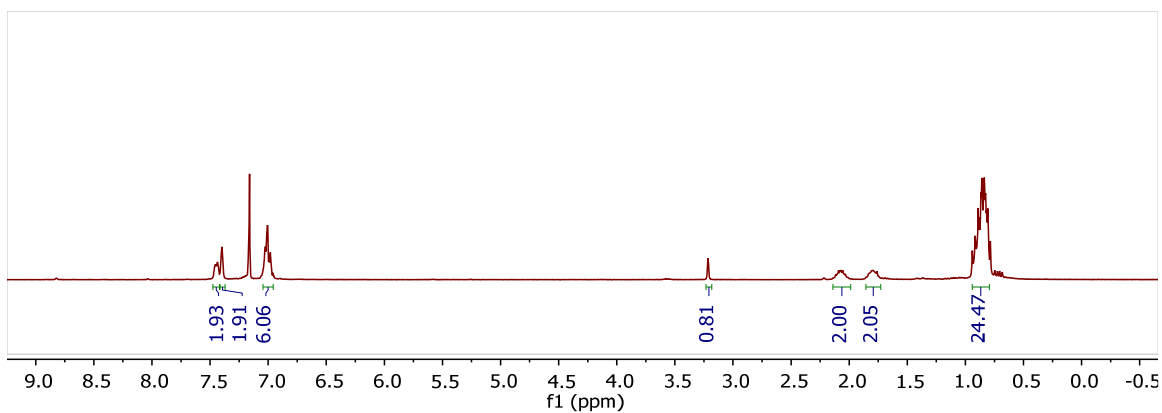
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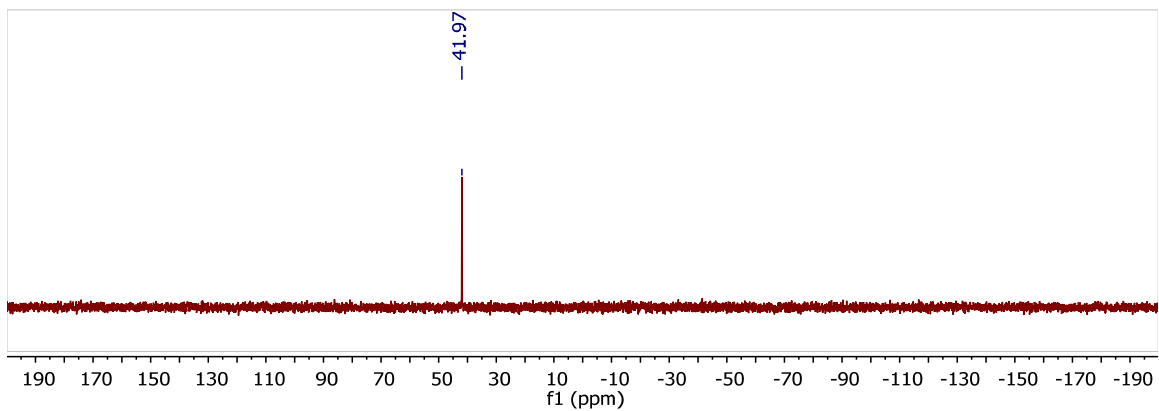
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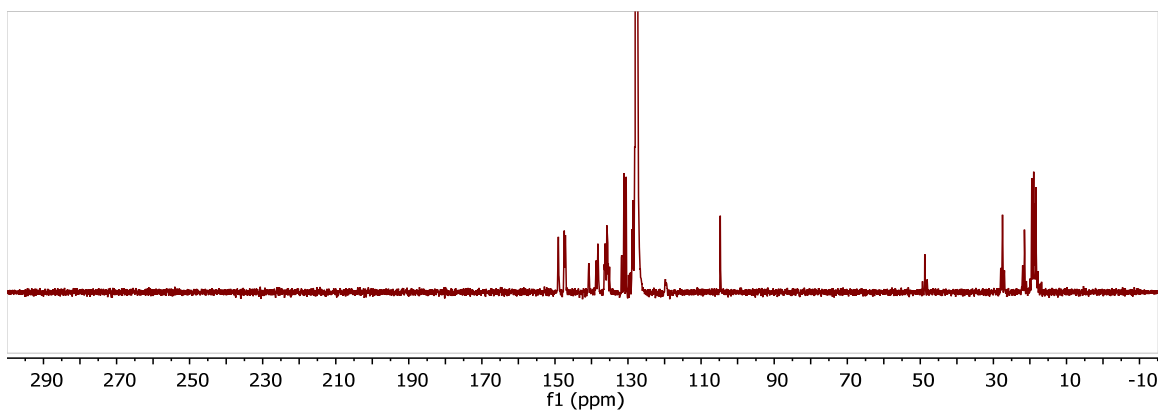
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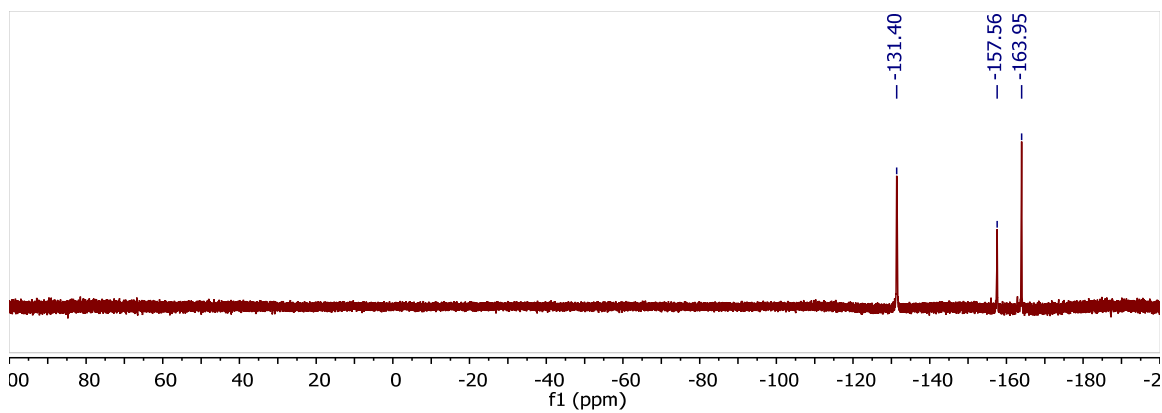


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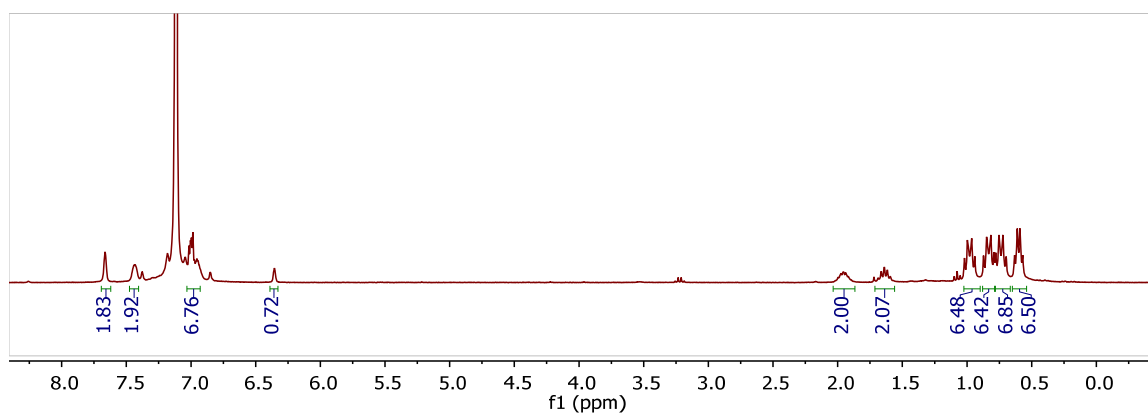


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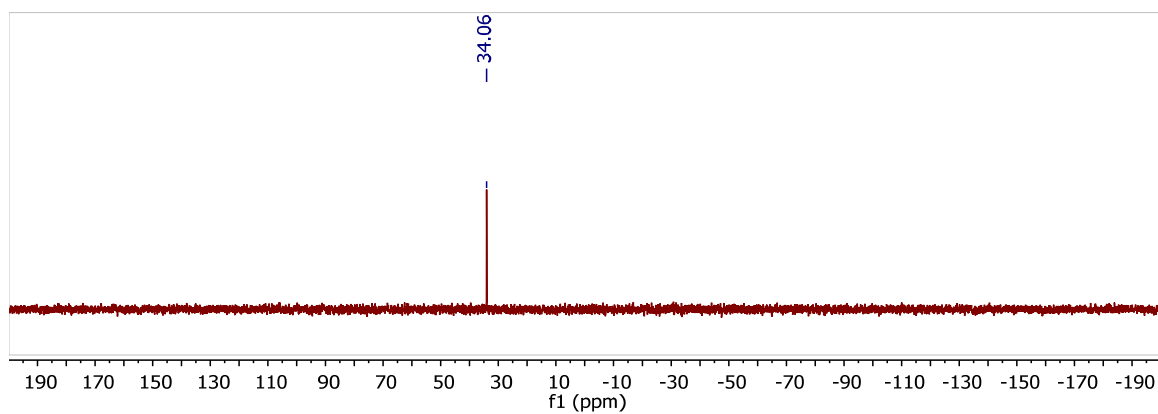




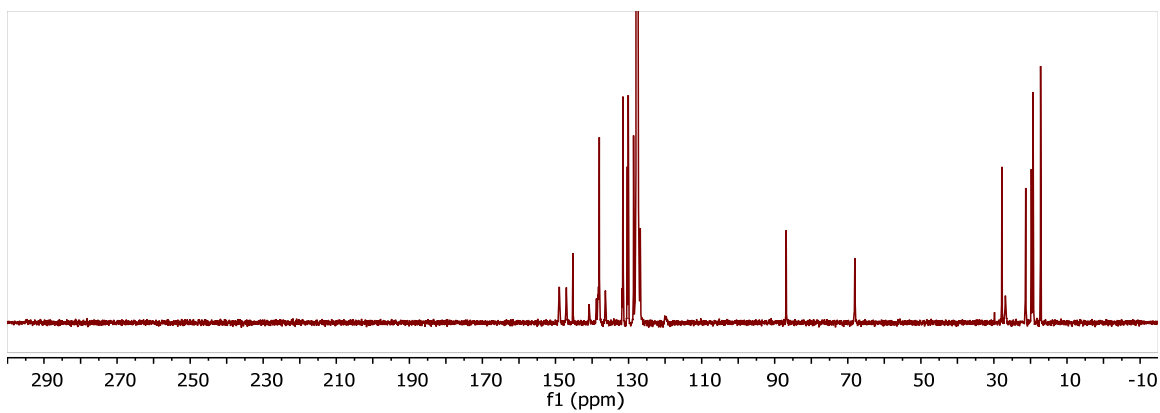
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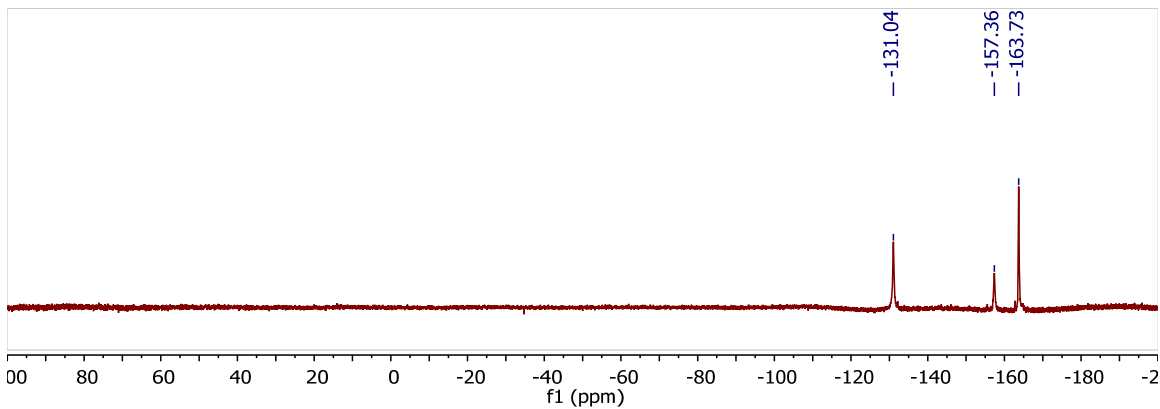
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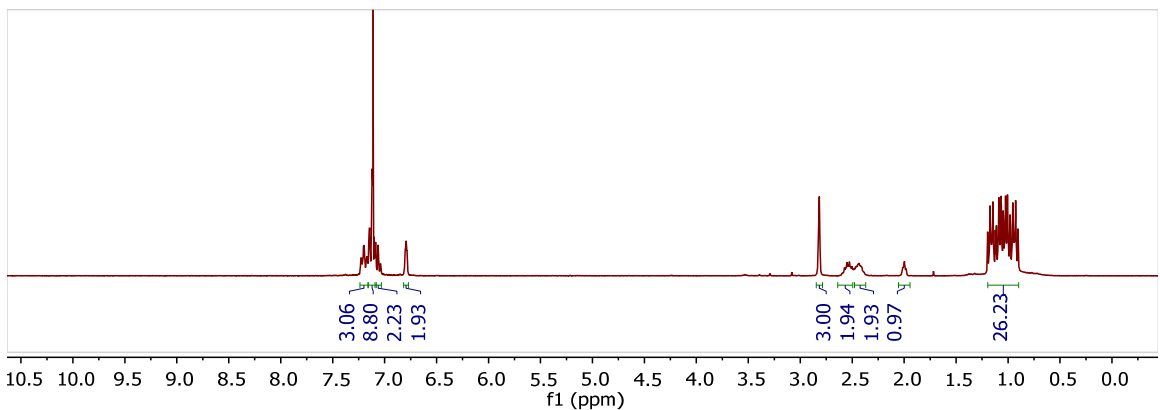
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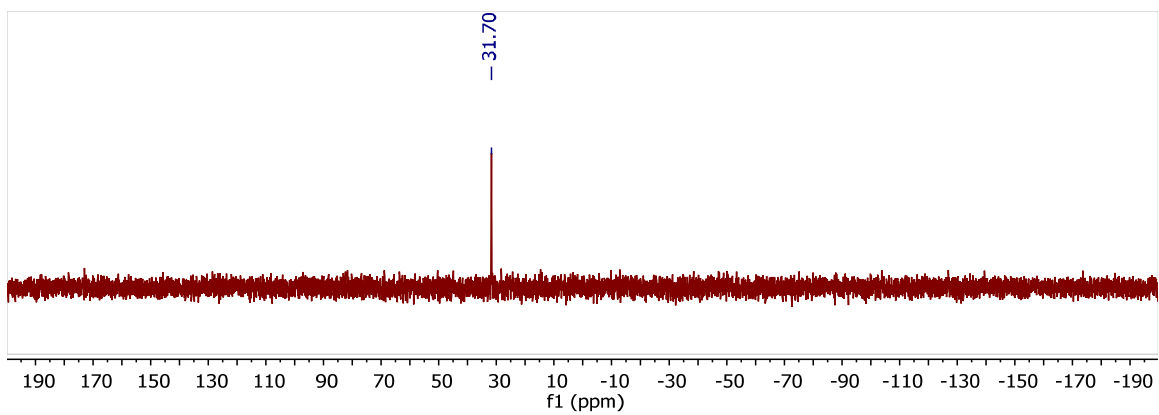
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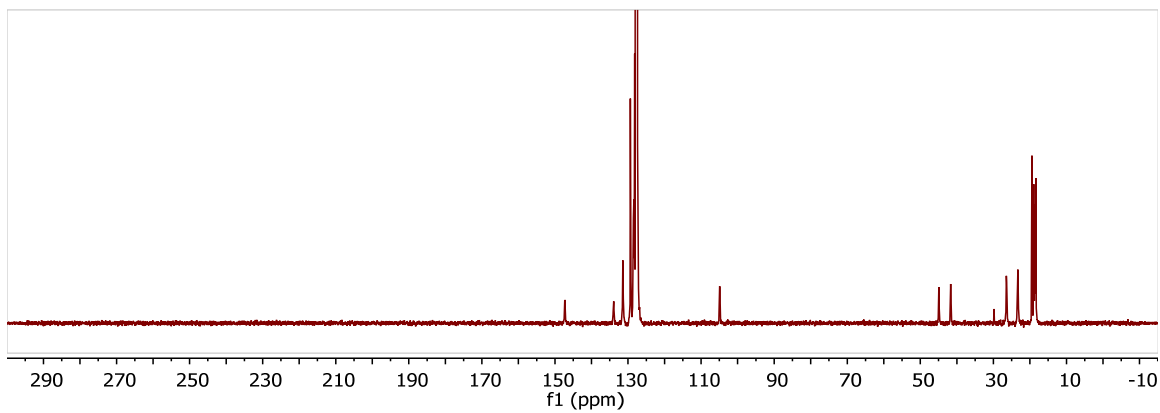
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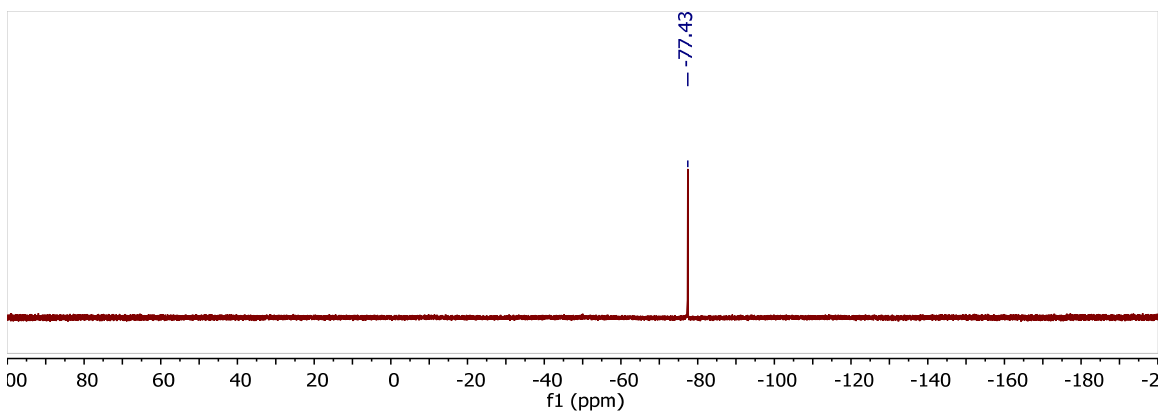
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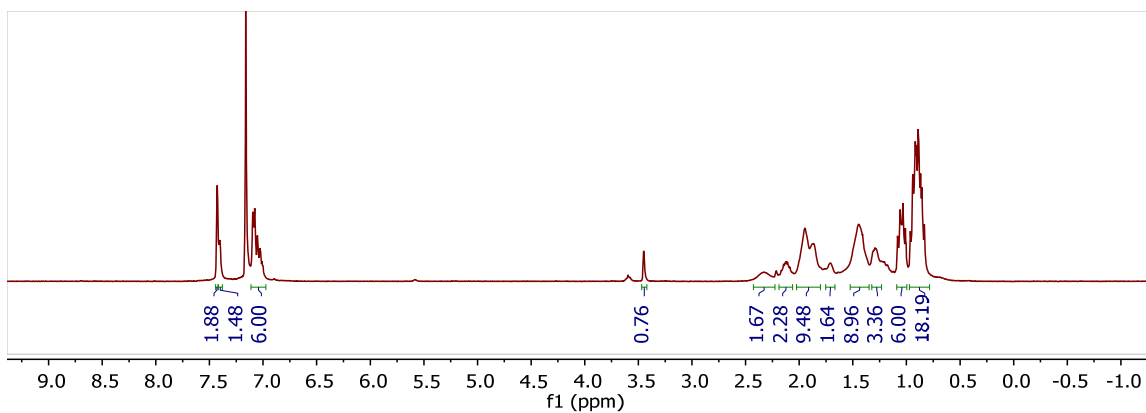
**Figure S25.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **2Ni-Me**



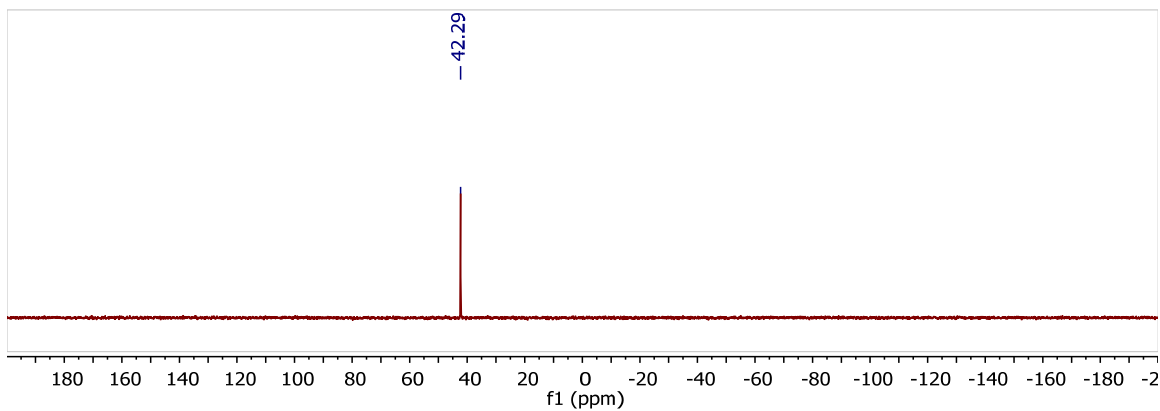
**Figure S26.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **2Ni-Me**



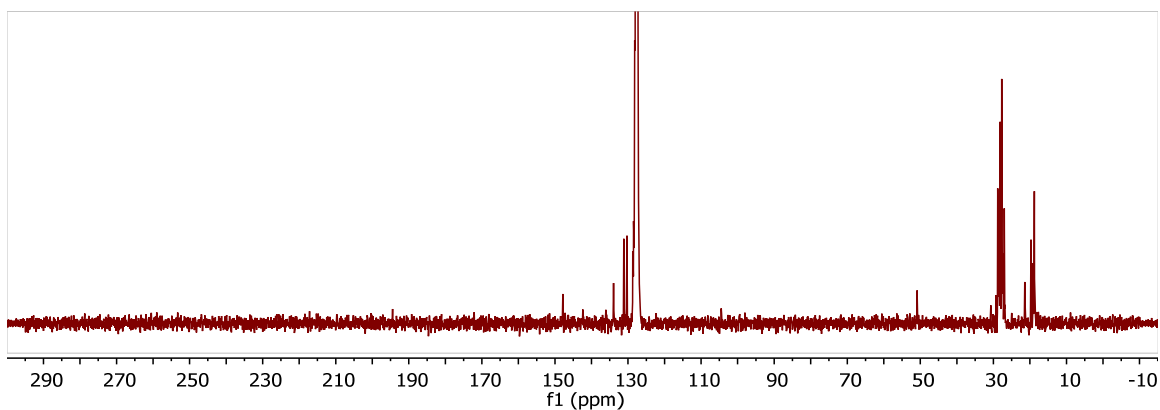
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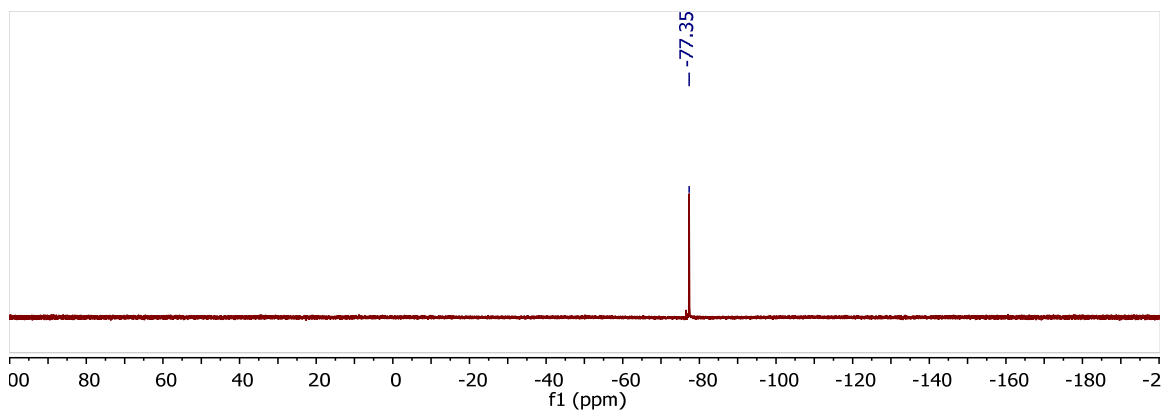
**Figure S28.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **2Ni-BCy<sub>2</sub>OTf**



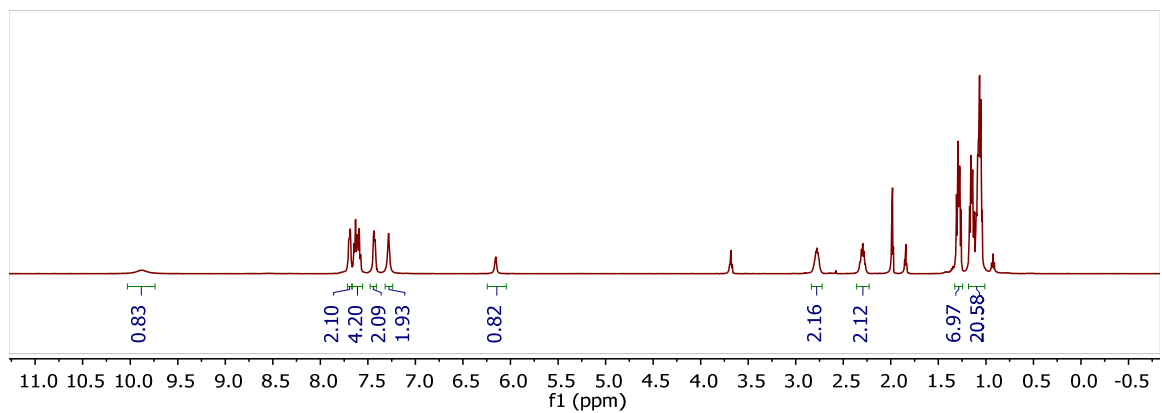
**Figure S29.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **2Ni-BCy<sub>2</sub>OTf**



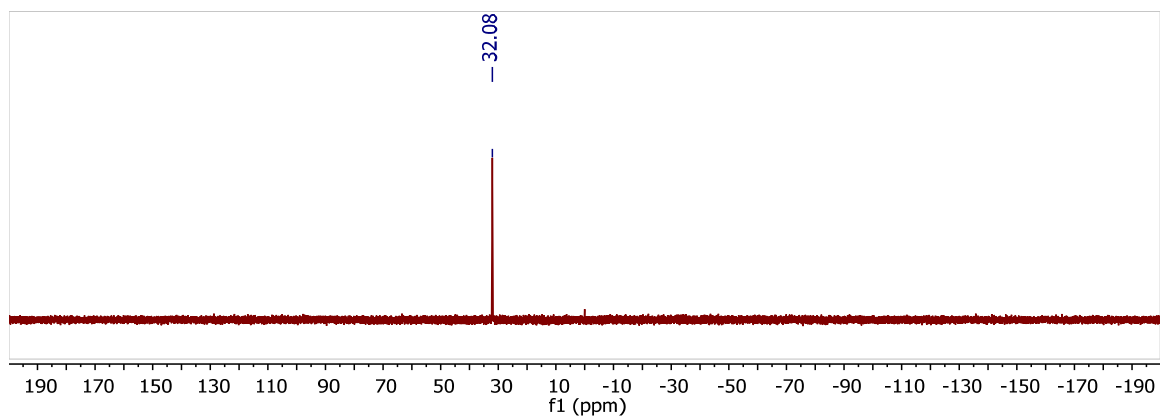
**Figure S30.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **2Ni-BCy<sub>2</sub>OTf**



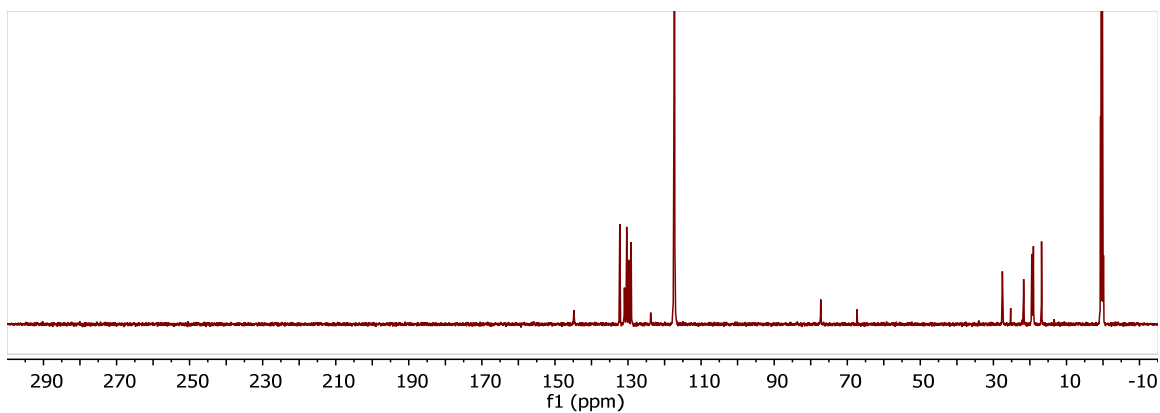
**Figure S31.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **2Ni-BCy<sub>2</sub>OTf**



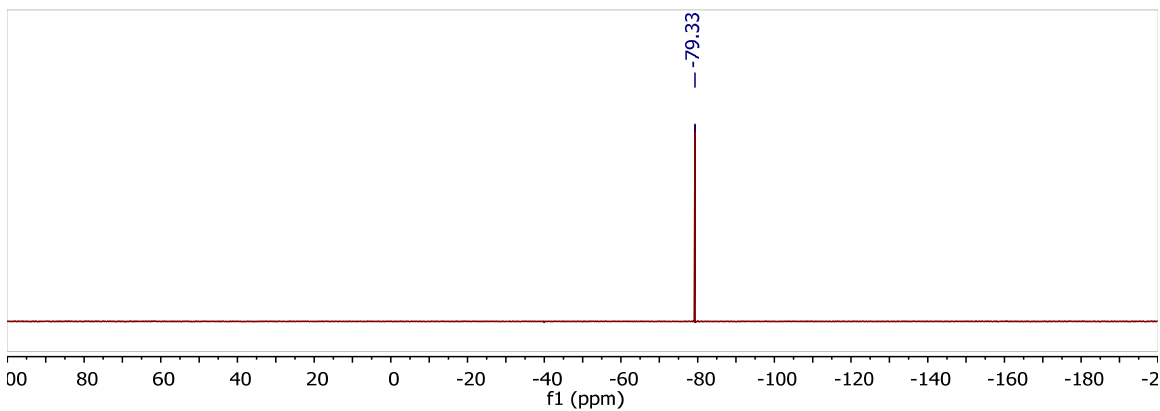
**Figure S32.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) spectrum of **2Pd-H**



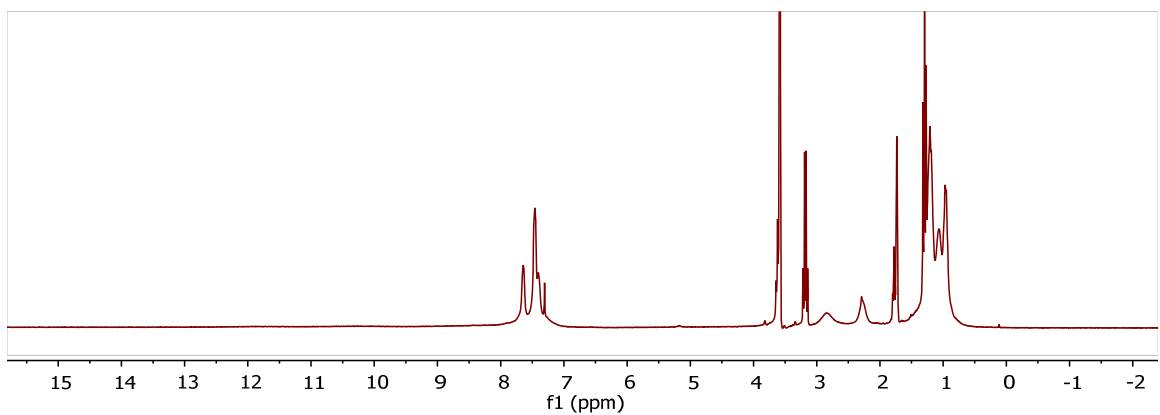
**Figure S33.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) spectrum of **2Pd-H**



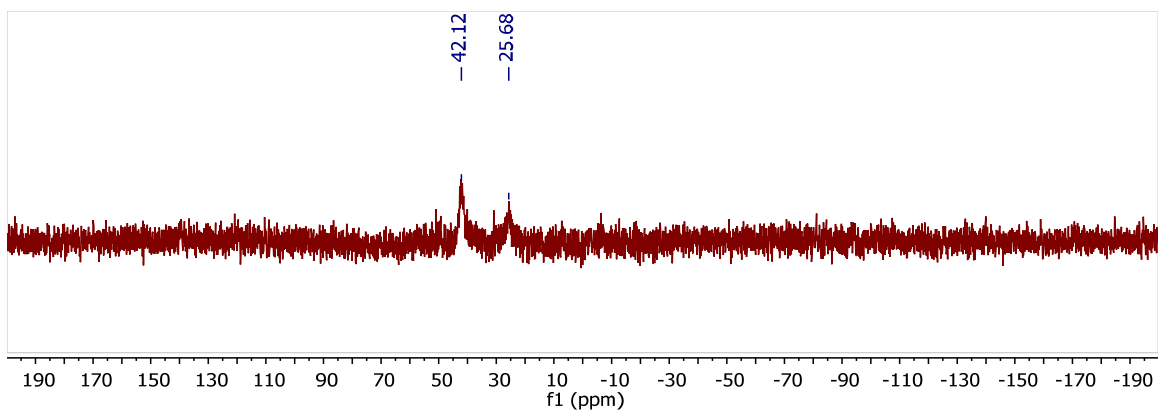
**Figure S34.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) spectrum of **2Pd-H**



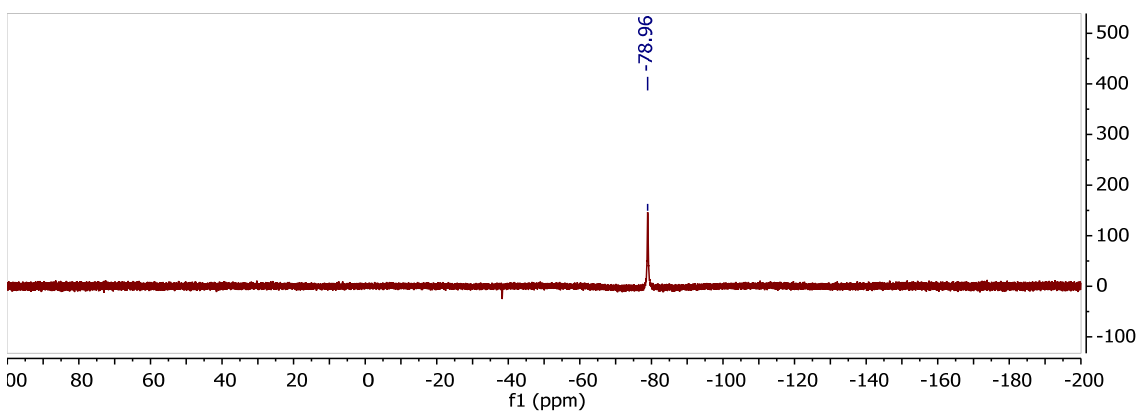
**Figure S35.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) spectrum of **2Pd-H**



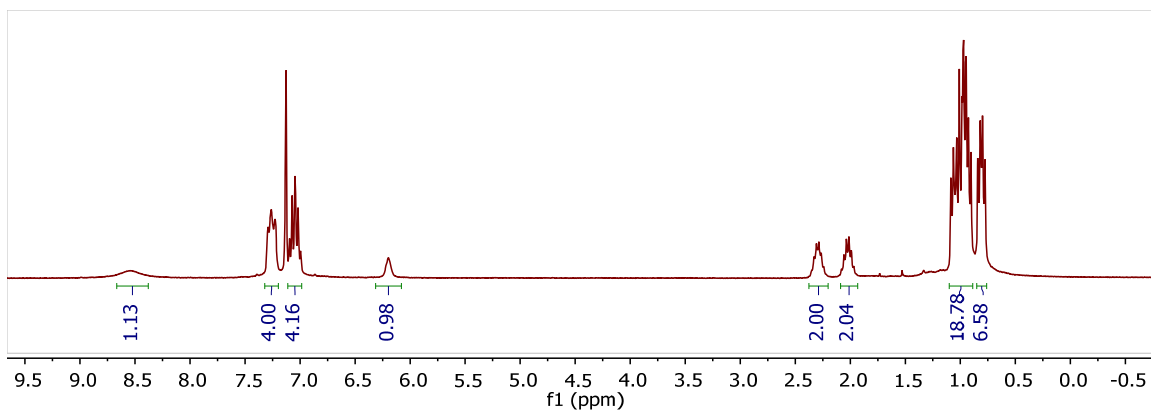
**Figure S36.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $d_8$ -THF) spectrum of **3Ni**



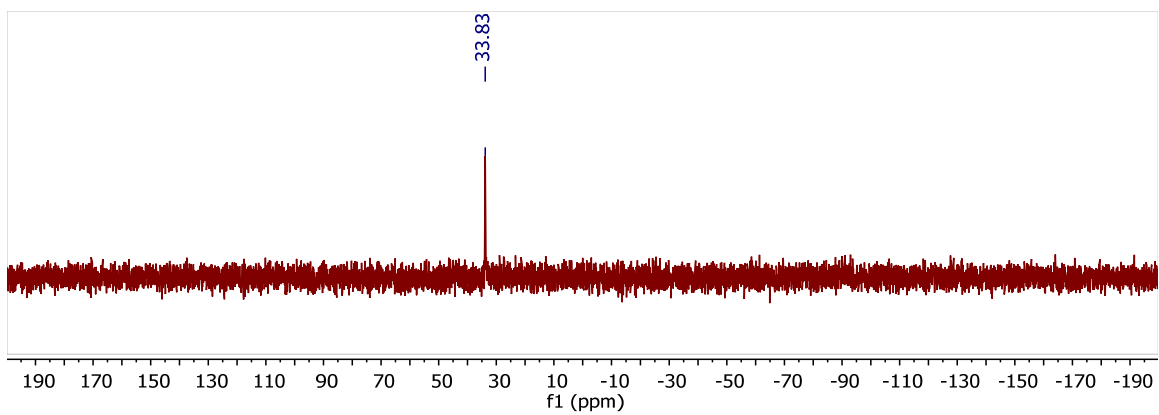
**Figure S37.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $d_8$ -THF) spectrum of **3Ni**



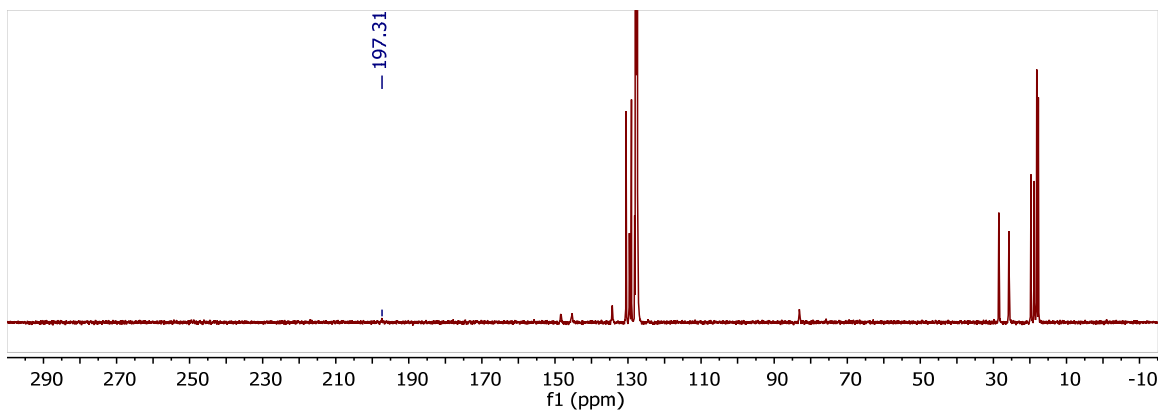
**Figure S38.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $d_8$ -THF) spectrum of **3Ni**



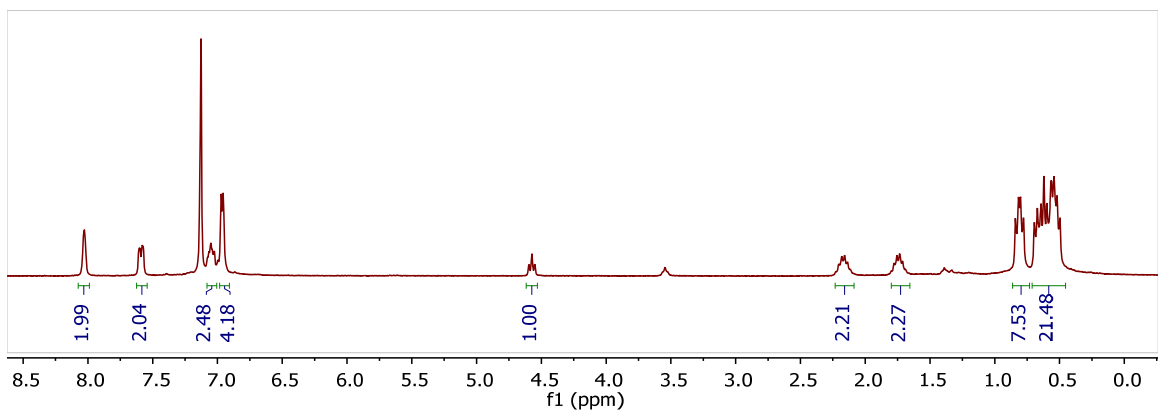
**Figure S39.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **4Ni**



**Figure S40.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **4Ni**

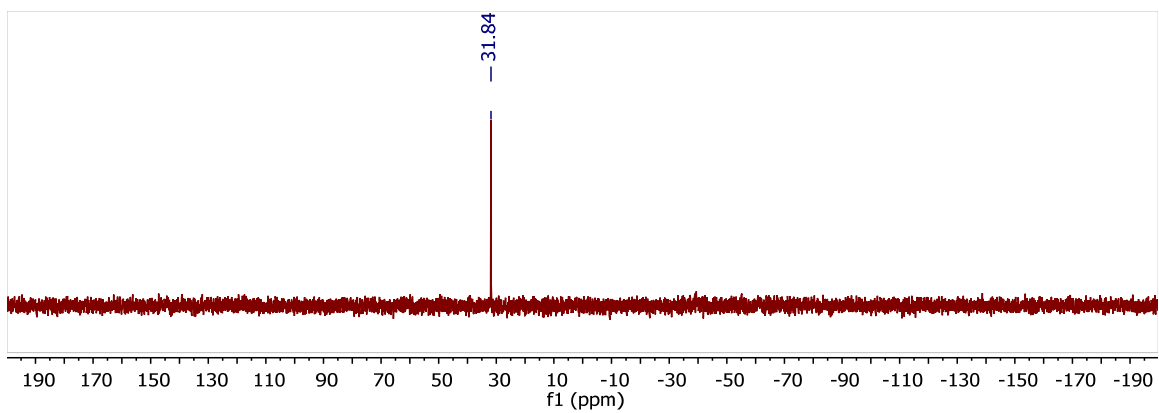


**Figure S41.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **4Ni**

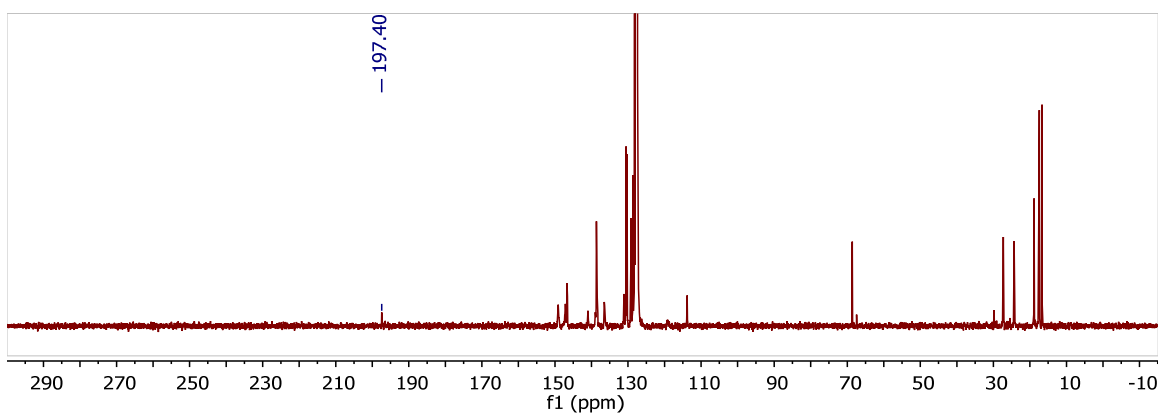


**Figure S42.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **4Ni-B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>**

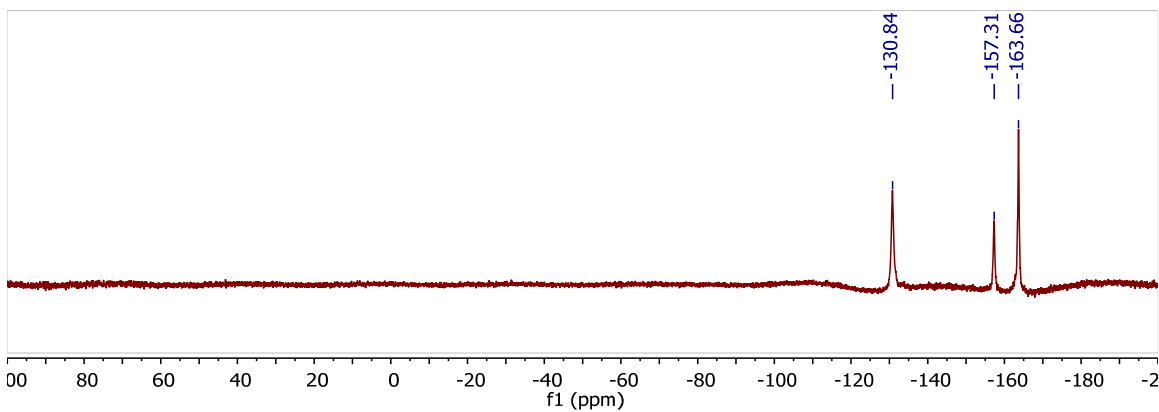




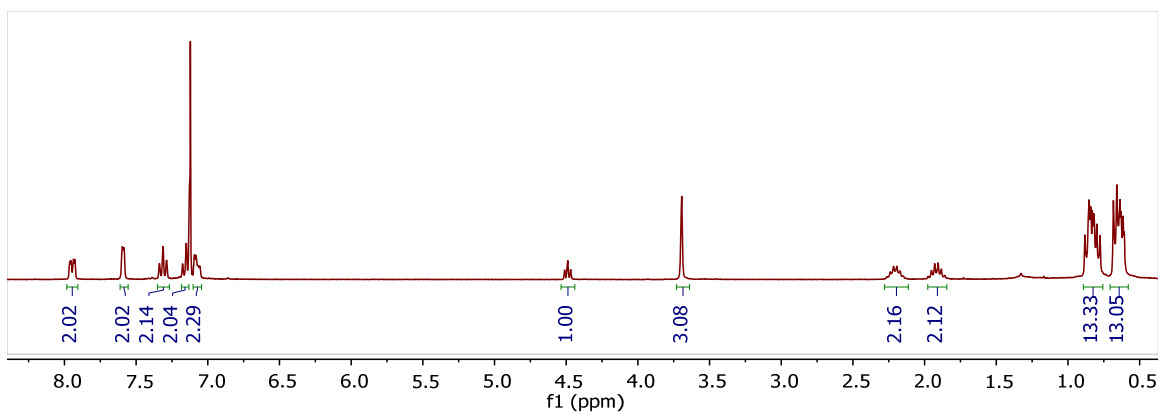
**Figure S43.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of  $4\text{Ni-B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$



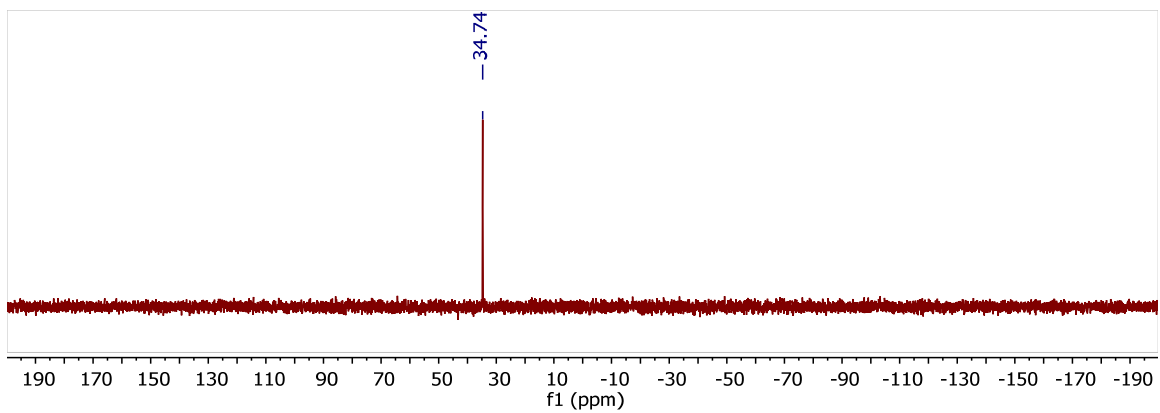
**Figure S44.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of  $4\text{Ni-B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$



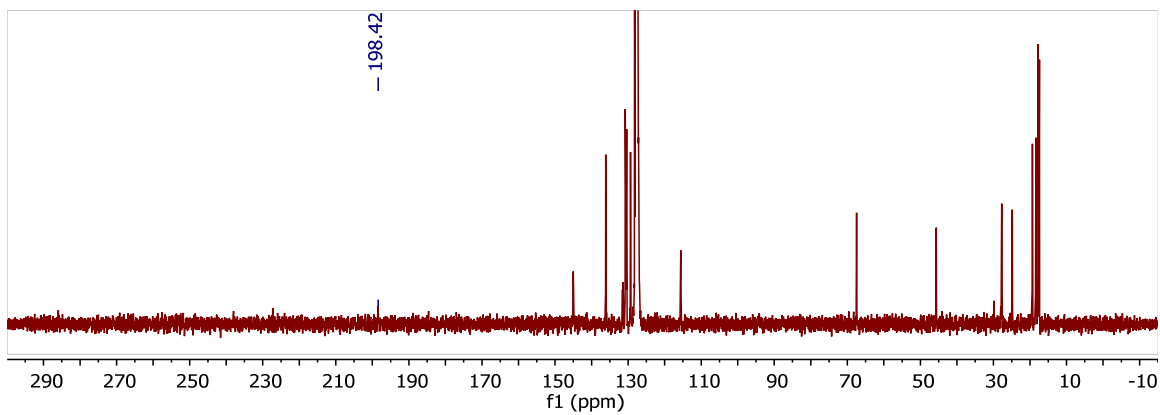
**Figure S45.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of  $4\text{Ni-B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$



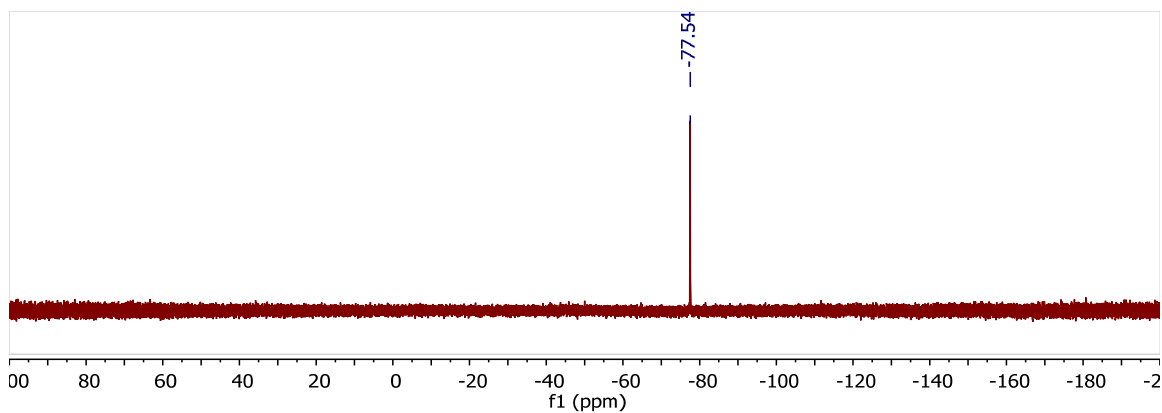
**Figure S46.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of **4Ni-Me**



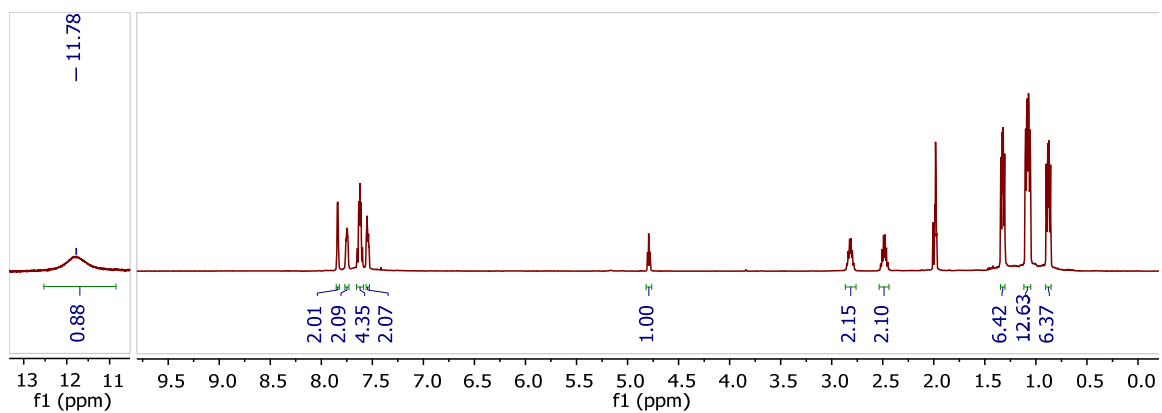
**Figure S47.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (121 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of **4Ni-Me**



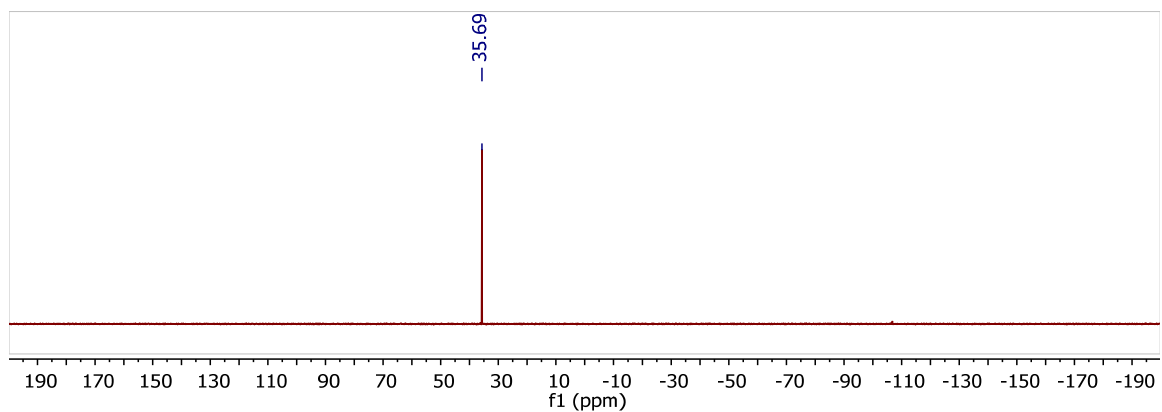
**Figure S48.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of **4Ni-Me**



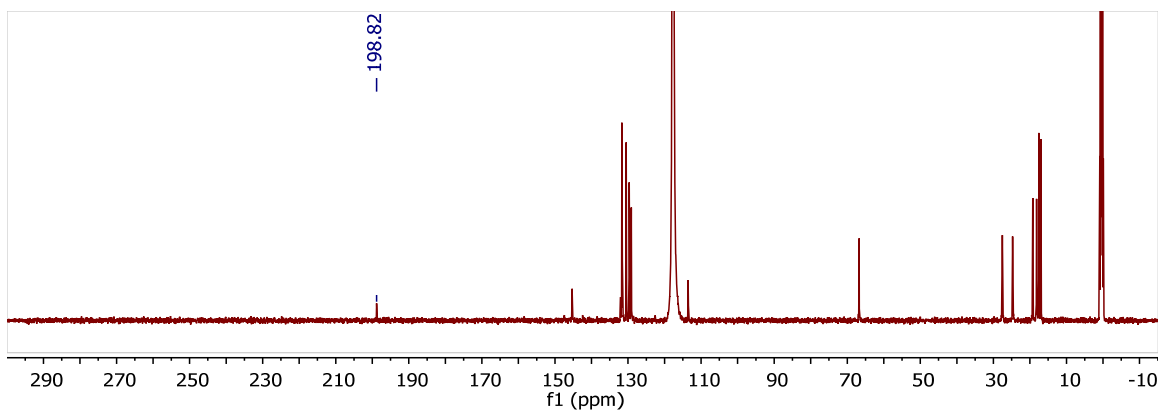
**Figure S49.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **4Ni-Me**



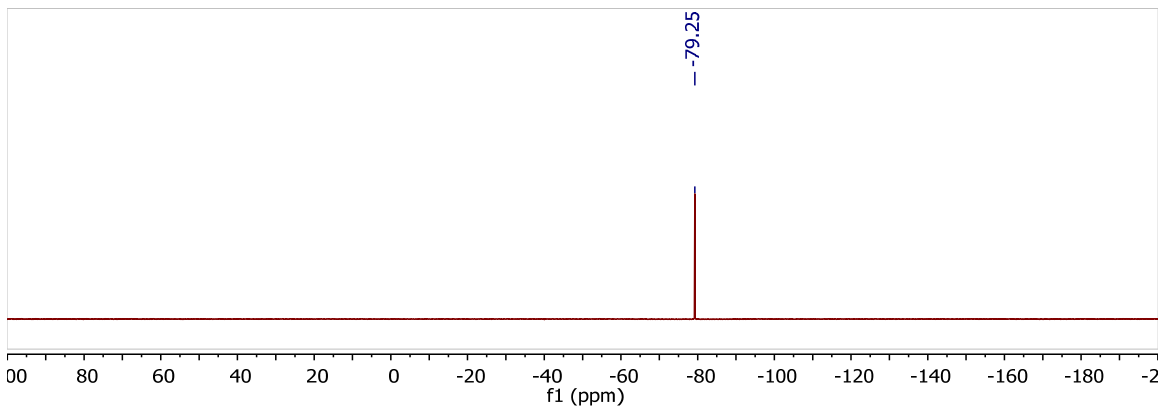
**Figure S50.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) spectrum of **4Ni-H**



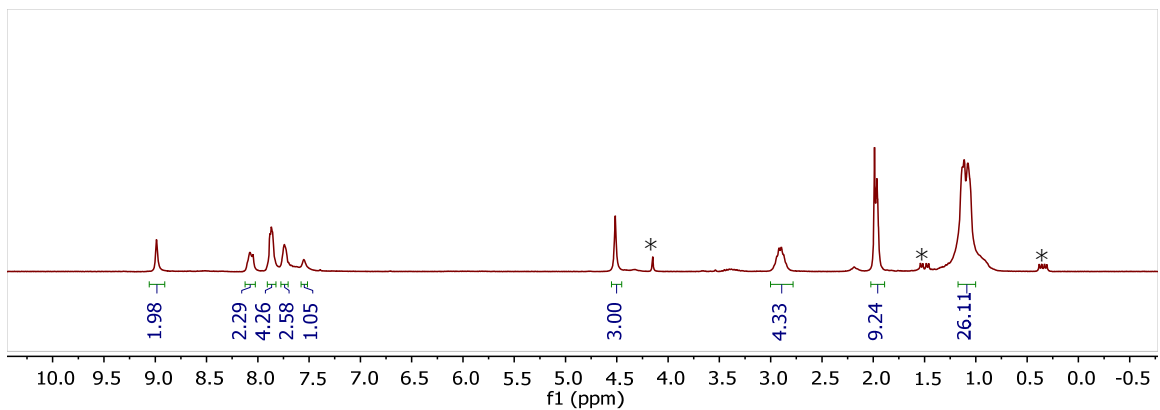
**Figure S51.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) spectrum of **4Ni-H**



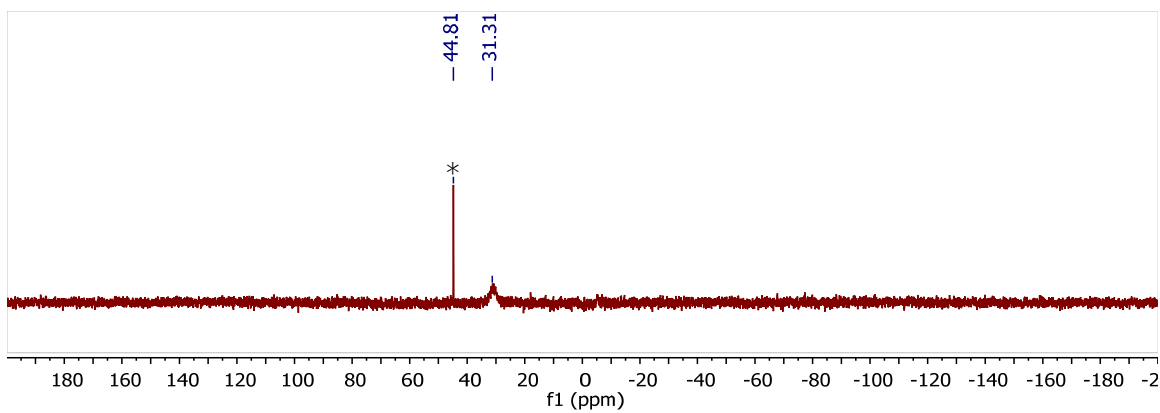
**Figure S52.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) spectrum of **4Ni-H**



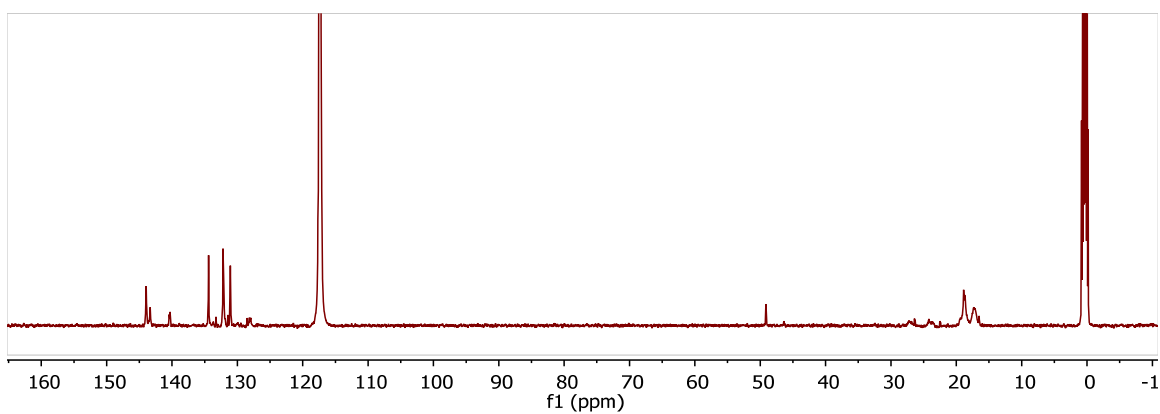
**Figure S53.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) spectrum of **4Ni-H**



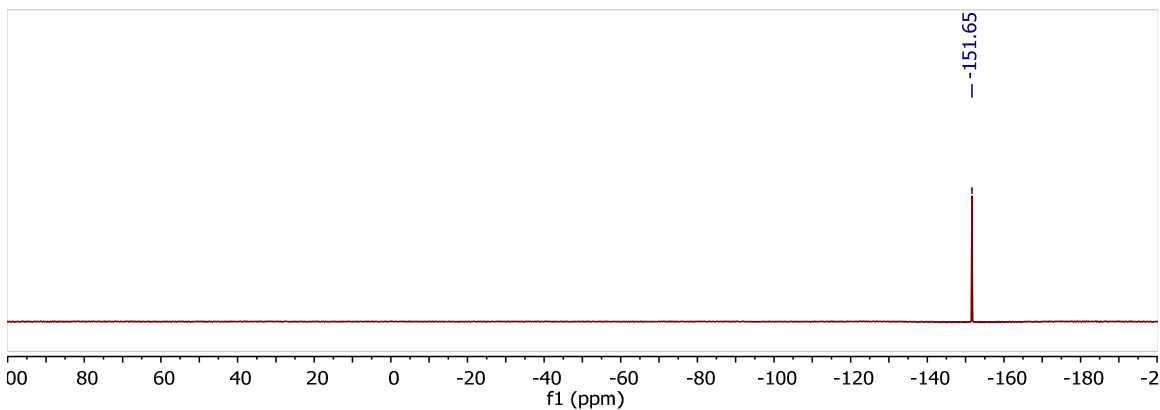
**Figure S54.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **5Ni**. Peaks marked with an asterisk are from the gradual decomposition of **5Ni** in solution.



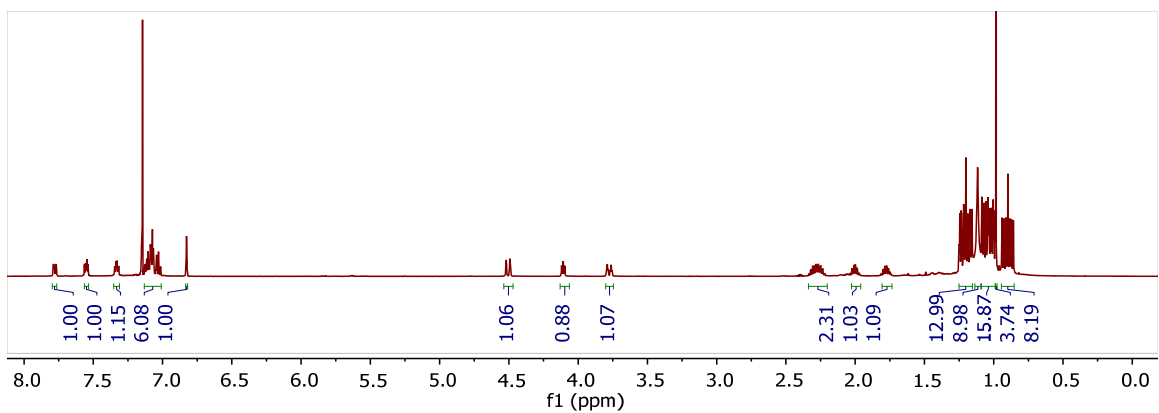
**Figure S55.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **5Ni**. Peaks marked with an asterisk are from the gradual decomposition of **5Ni** in solution.



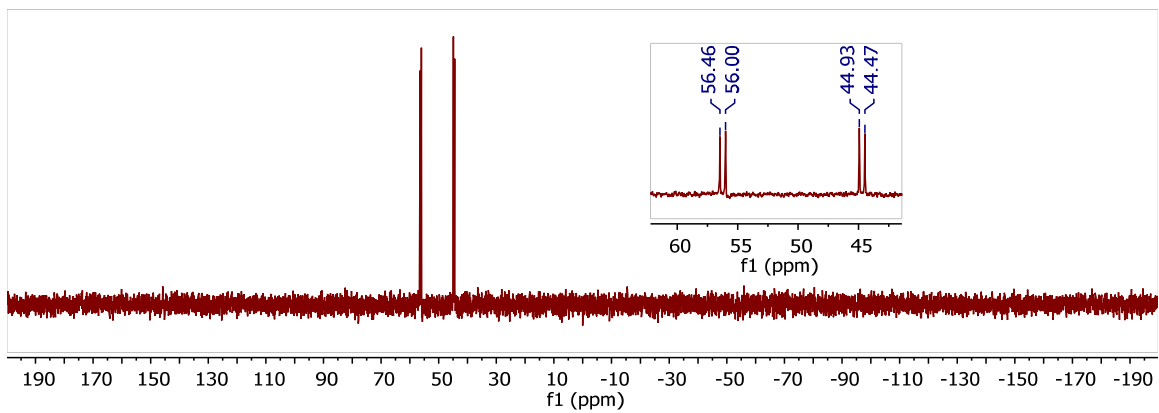
**Figure S56.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **5Ni**



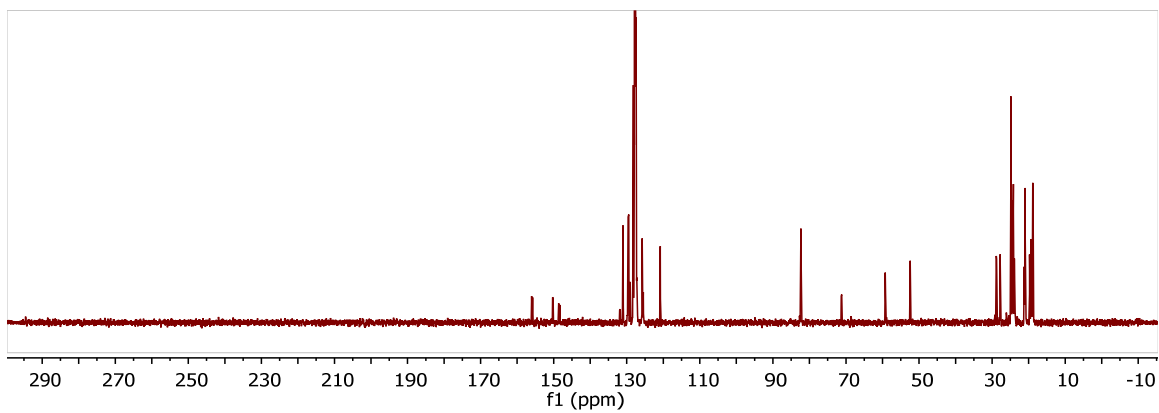
**Figure S57.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **5Ni**



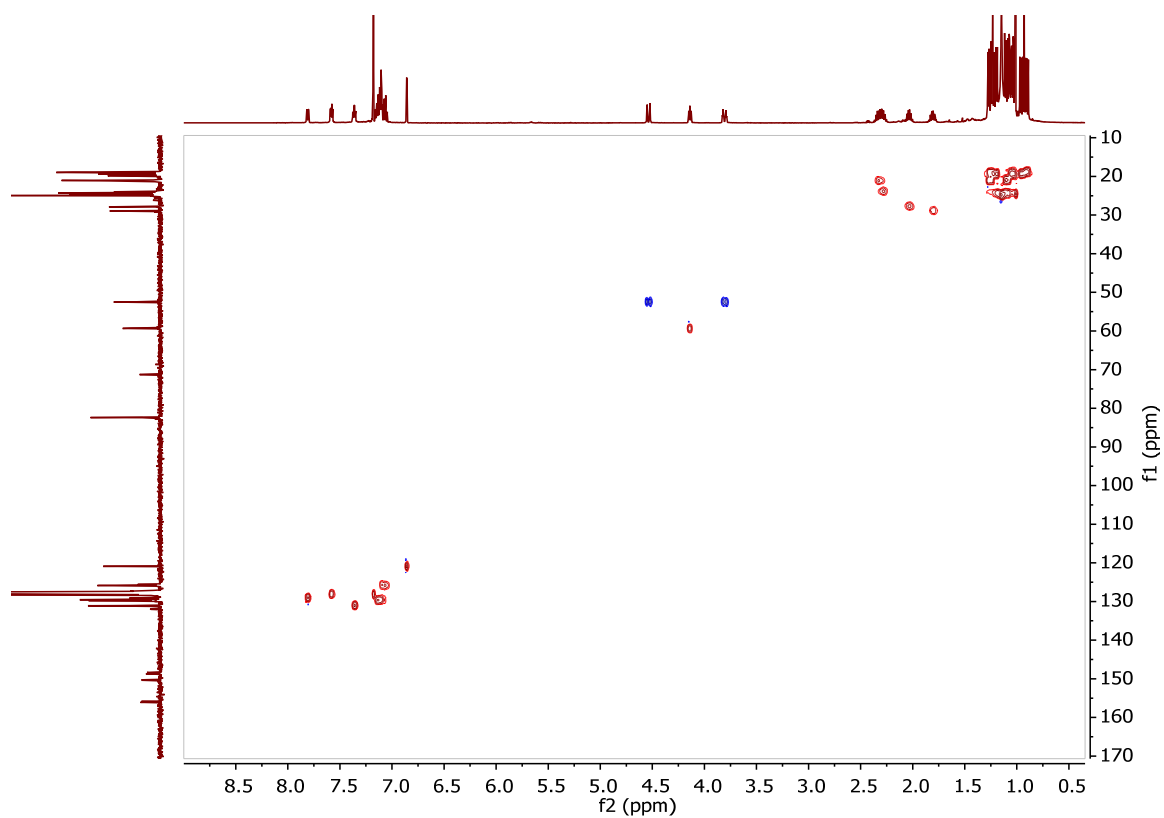
**Figure S58.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **6Ni**



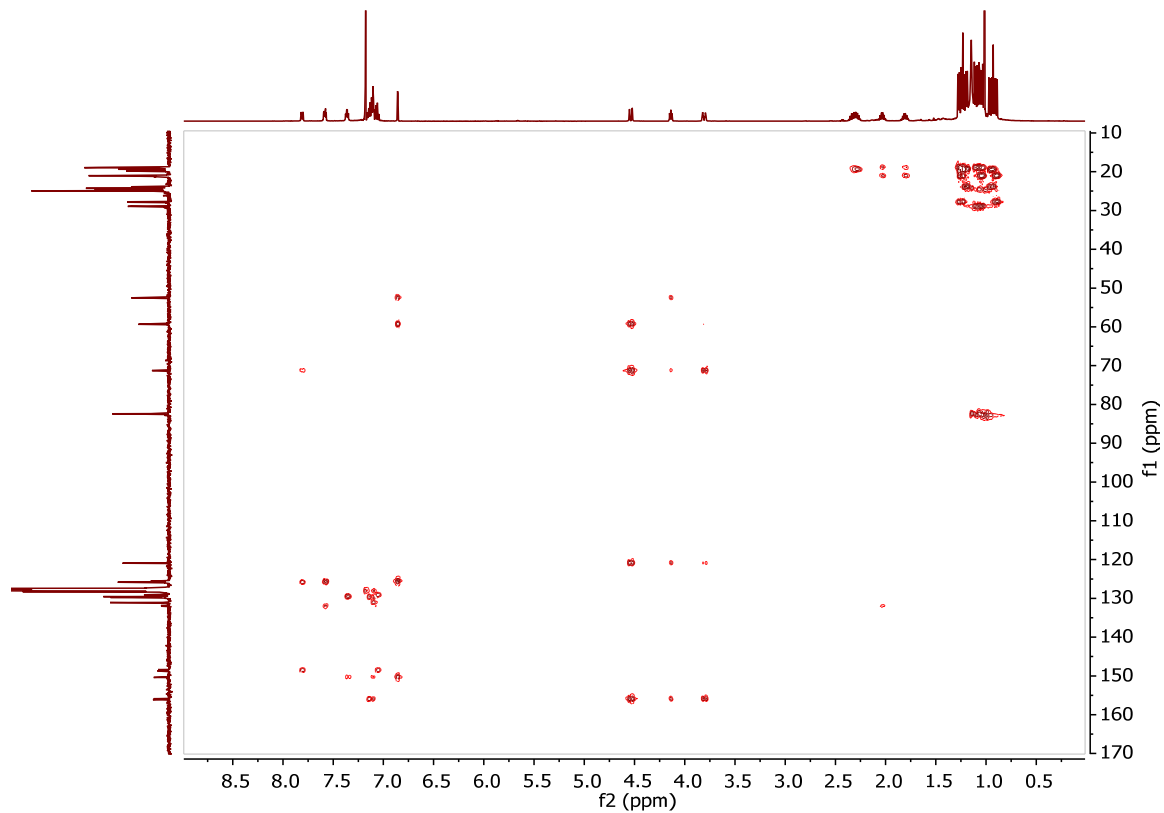
**Figure S59.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **6Ni**



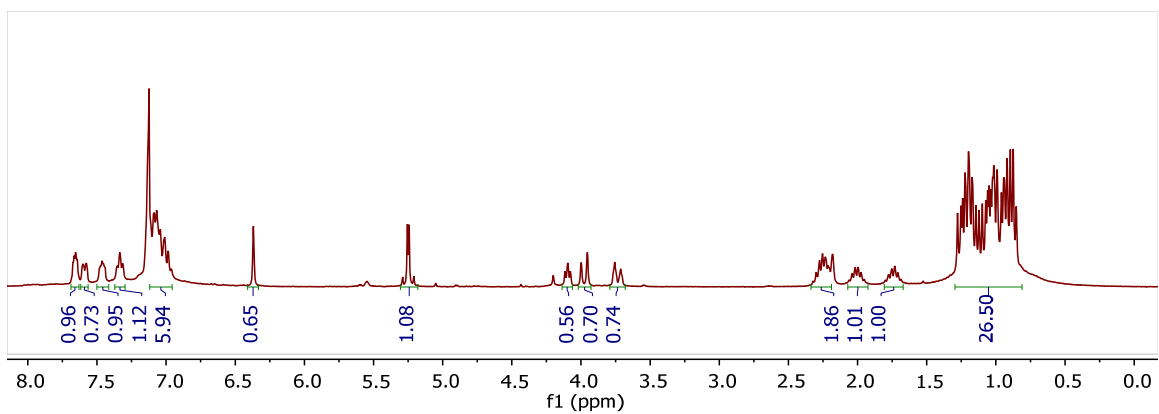
**Figure S60.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **6Ni**



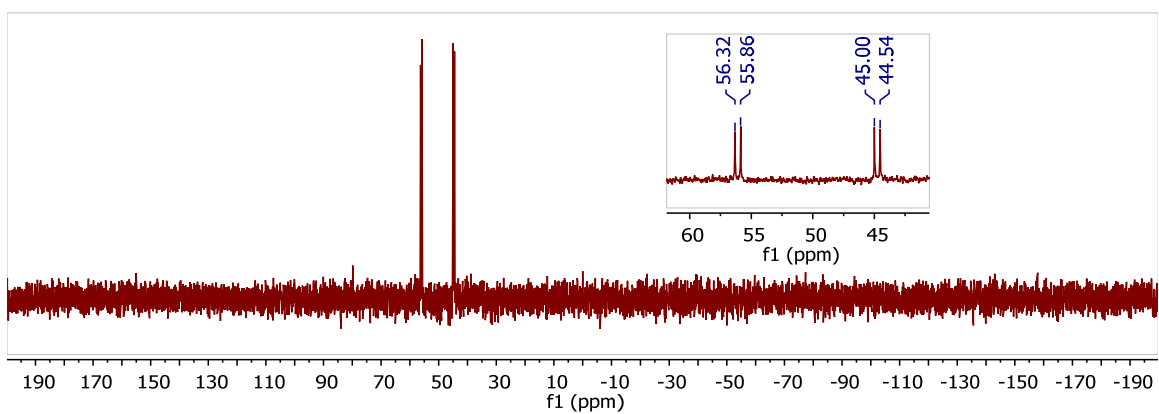
**Figure S61.** gHSQCAD NMR (500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **6Ni**



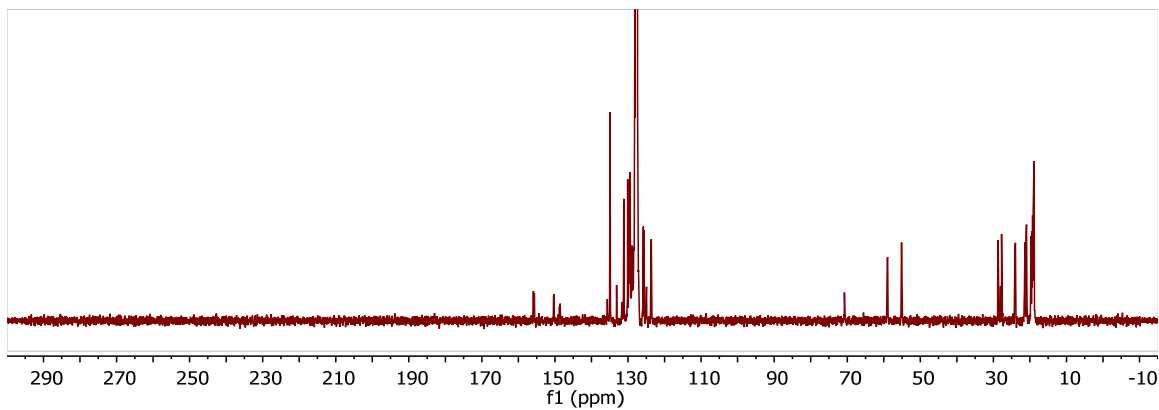
**Figure S62.** gHMBCAD NMR (500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **6Ni**



**Figure S63.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **7Ni**

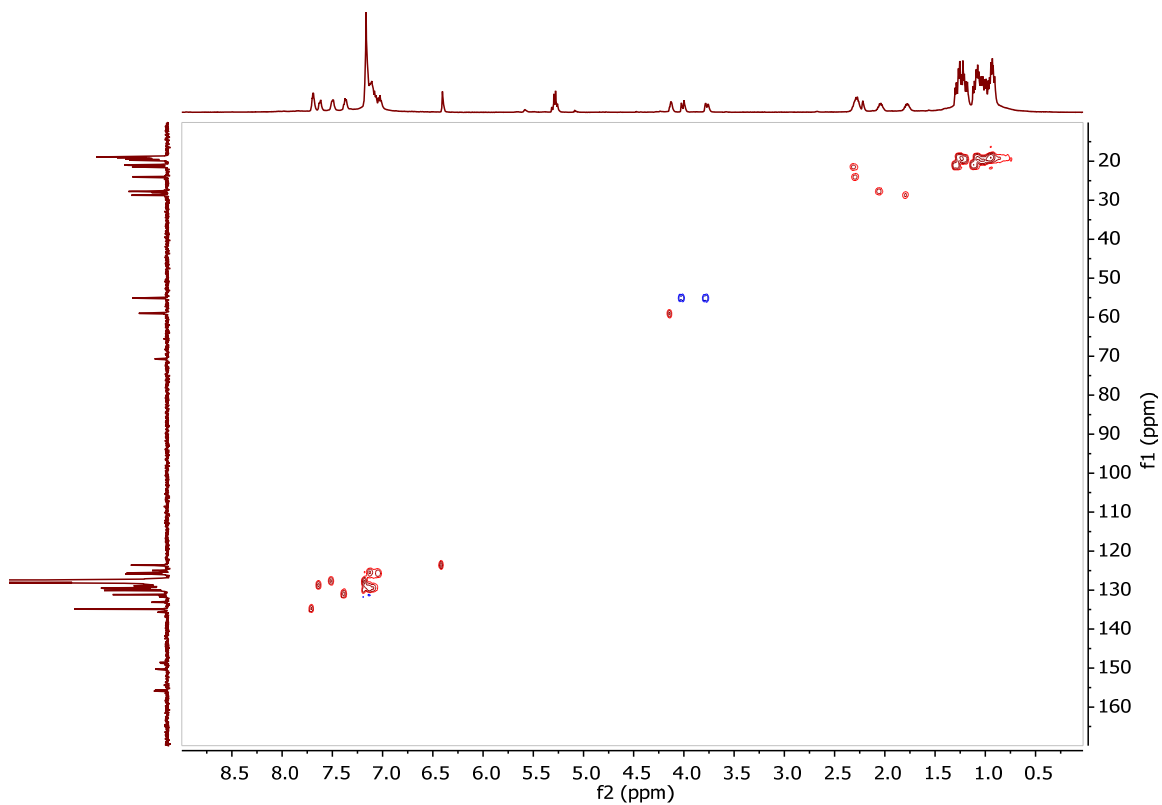


**Figure S64.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **7Ni**

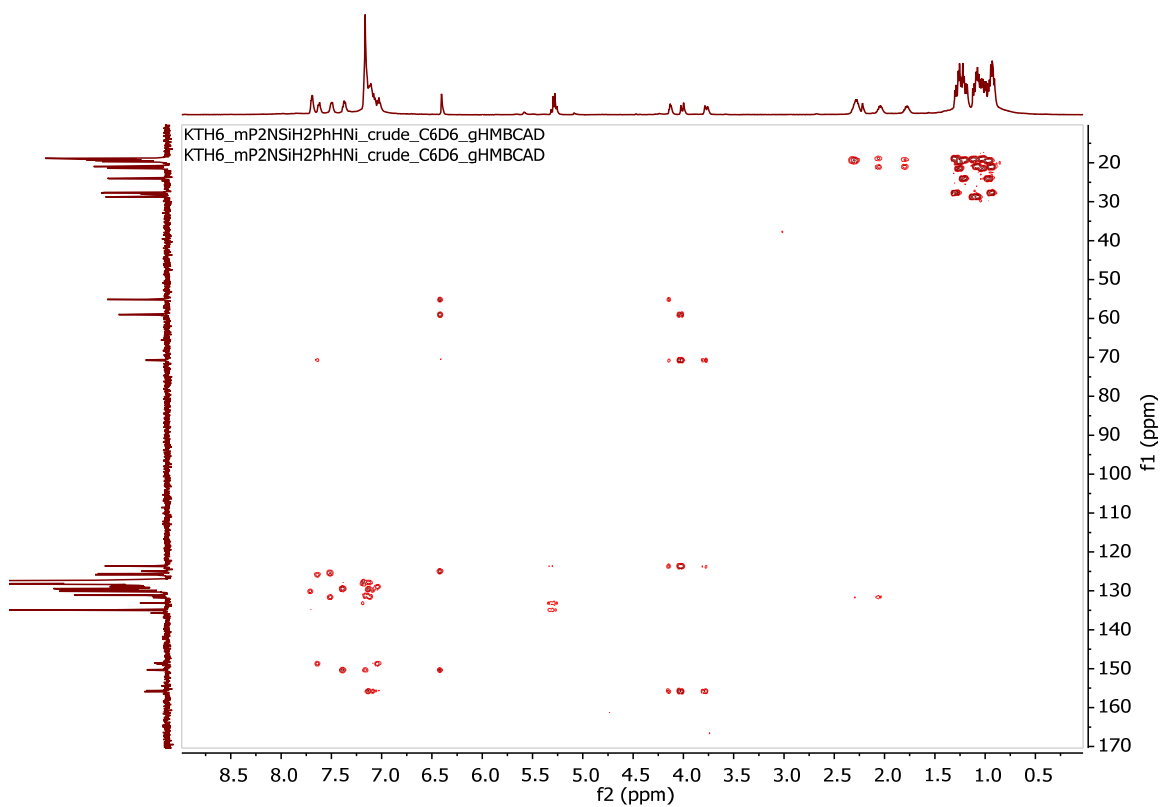


**Figure S65.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **7Ni**

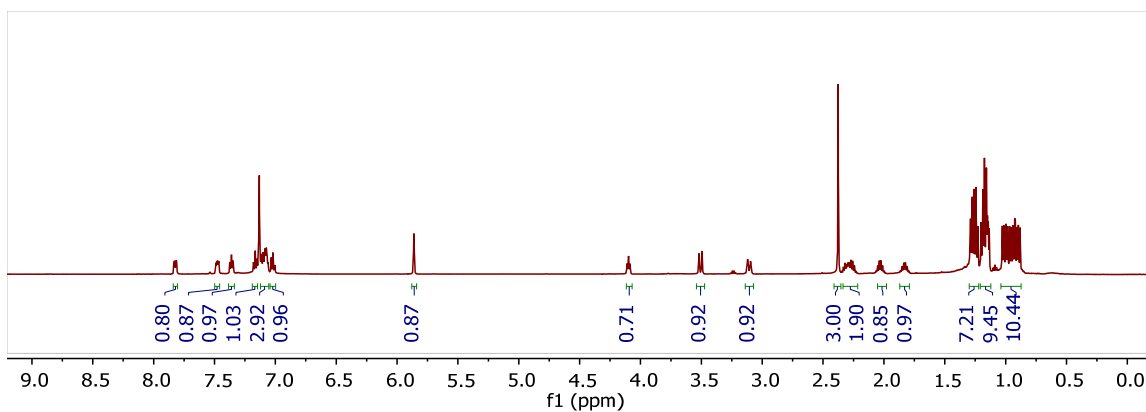




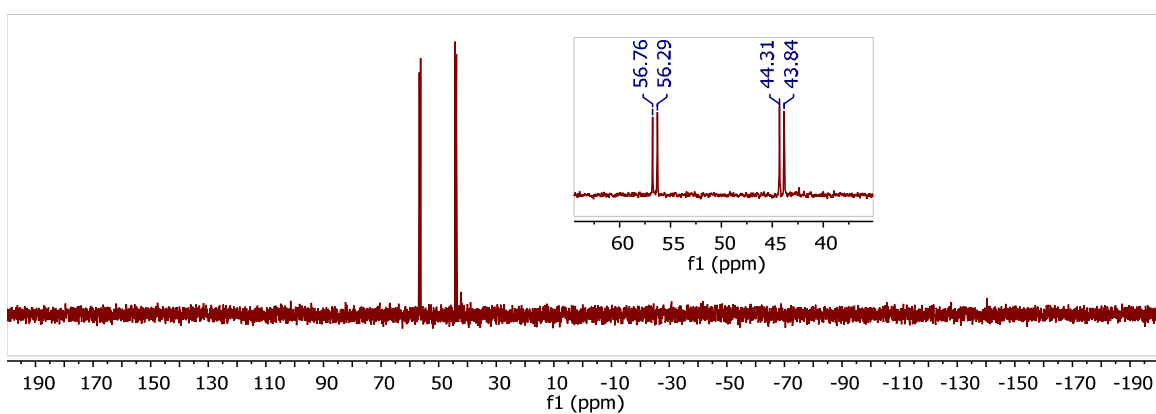
**Figure S66.** gHSQCAD NMR (500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **7Ni**



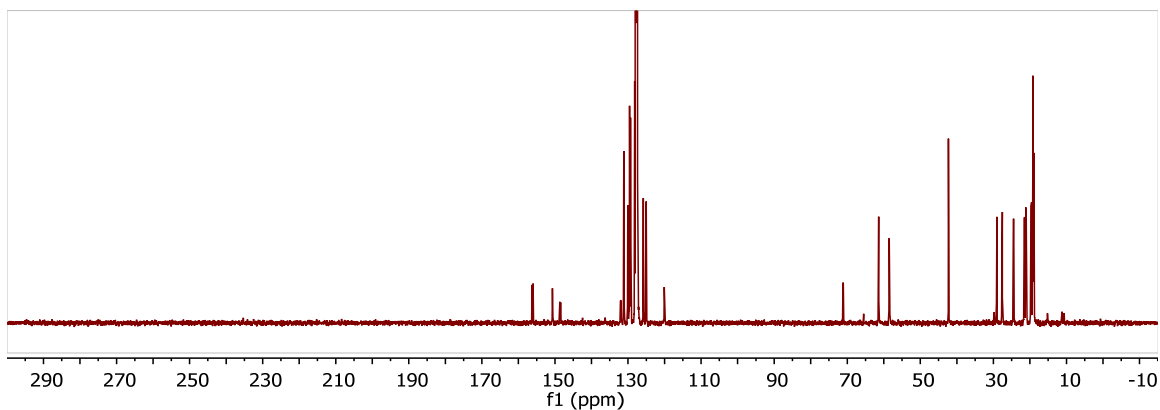
**Figure S67.** gHMCAD NMR (500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **7Ni**



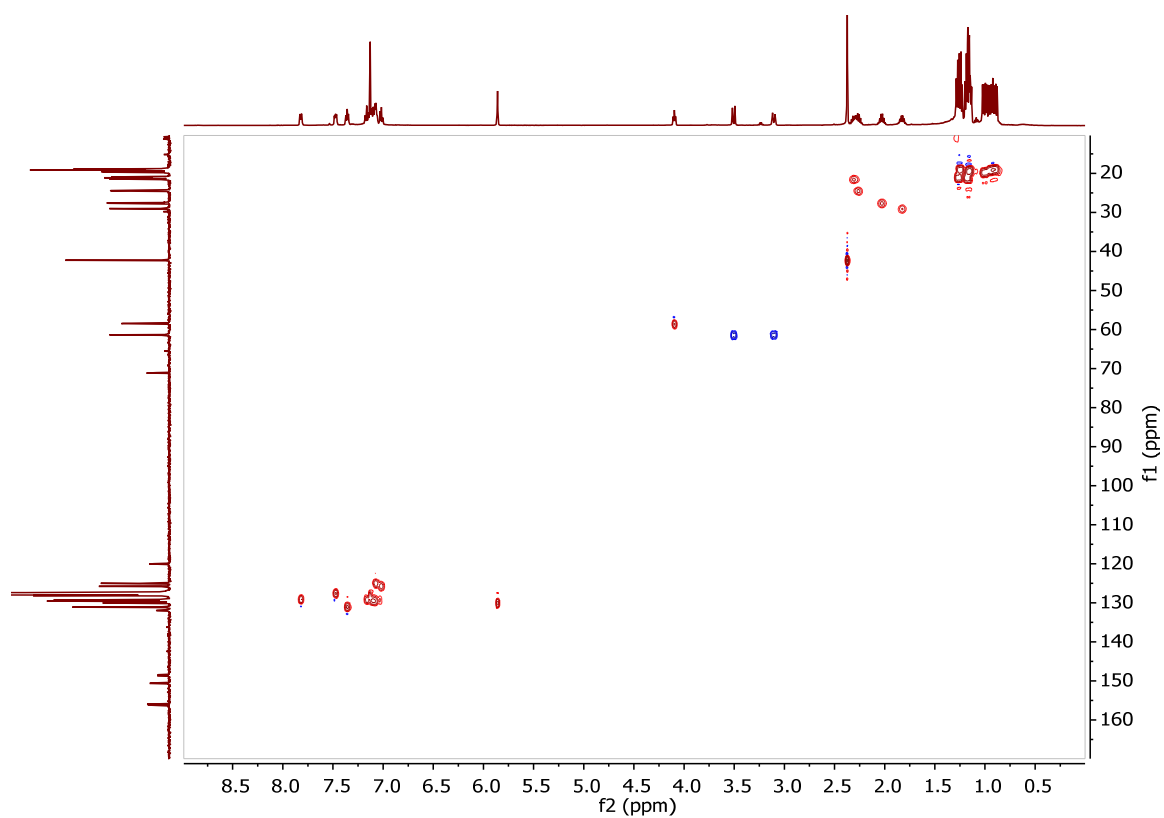
**Figure S68.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **8Ni**



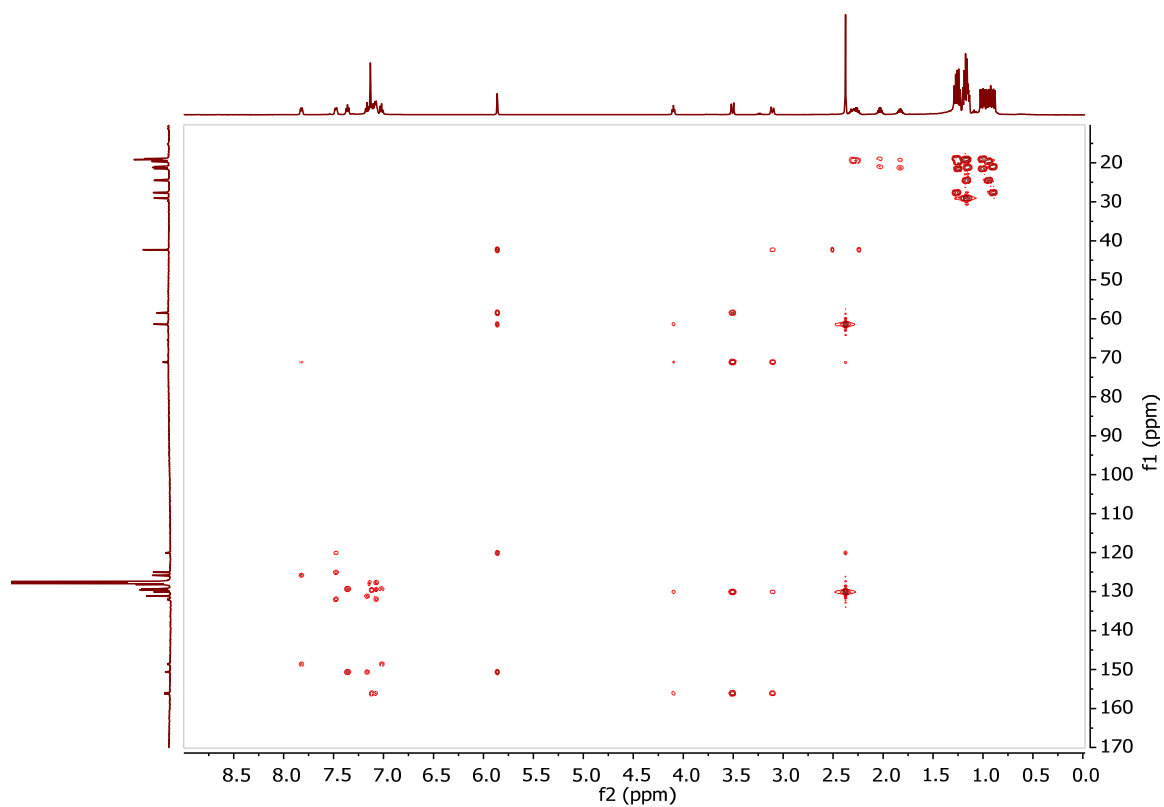
**Figure S69.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **8Ni**



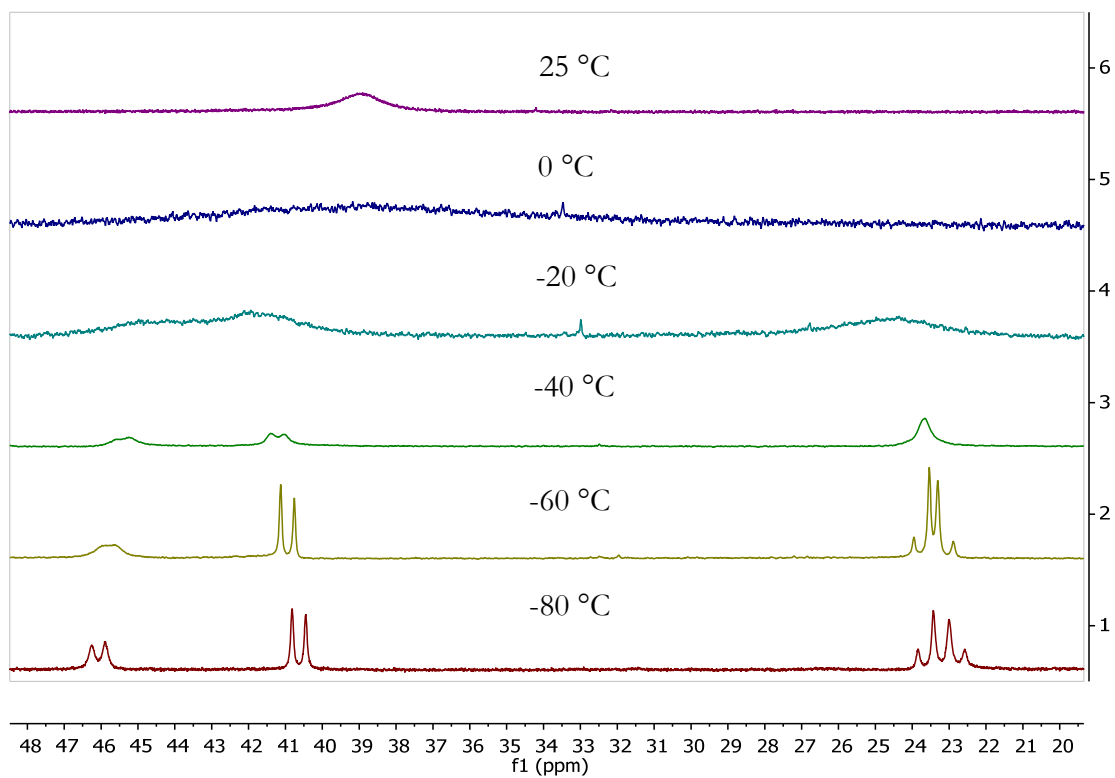
**Figure S70.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **8Ni**



**Figure S71.** gHSQCAD NMR (500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **8Ni**



**Figure S72.** gHMCAD NMR (500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **8Ni**



**Figure S73.** Variable temperature NMR (202 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $d_8$ -toluene) data for **2Ni**

## Crystallographic Information

CCDC 1400900-1400909 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

**Table S1.** Crystal and refinement data for reported complexes.

Complex	2Ni	2Pd	2Ni-B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	2Pd-B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	3Ni
empirical formula	C <sub>63</sub> H <sub>90</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Ni <sub>2</sub> P <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>39</sub> NP <sub>2</sub> Pd	C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>43</sub> B <sub>5</sub> F <sub>15</sub> NNiP <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>47</sub> H <sub>39</sub> BF <sub>15</sub> NP <sub>2</sub> Pd	C <sub>65</sub> H <sub>85</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Ni <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> P <sub>4</sub> S
formula wt	1116.66	569.95	1069.51	1081.94	1272.71
T (K)	100	100(2)	99.99	100.03	100.01
a, Å	18.7148(7)	8.6112(7)	40.5679(17)	13.4502(7)	20.003(3)
b, Å	13.0646(5)	17.8635(16)	12.1876(4)	14.6571(7)	13.924(2)
c, Å	25.9359(9)	8.8154(11)	20.6773(7)	22.5392(11)	22.832(4)
α, deg	90	90	90	90	90
β, deg	109.324(2)	99.464(4)	114.405(2)	91.080(2)	22.832(4)
γ, deg	90	90	90	90	90
V, Å <sup>3</sup>	5984.1(4)	1337.6(2)	9309.9(6)	4442.6(4)	6267.1(18)
Z	4	4	4	4	4
cryst syst	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
space group	P 1 21/n 1	P 21	C 1 2/c 1	P 1 21/c 1	P 1 21/n 1
d <sub>calc</sub> , g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.239	1.415	1.526	1.618	1.349
θ range, deg	1.630-30.557	2.342 to 45.810	1.759 to 30.538	2.280 to 36.326	1.720-28.677
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.058	0.831	0.582	0.589	0.792
abs cor	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
GOF <sup>c</sup>	0.775	0.885	1.017	1.014	1.003
R1, <sup>a</sup> wR2 <sup>b</sup> (I > 2σ(I))	0.0364, 0.0843	0.0639, 0.1107	0.0361, 0.0867	0.0414, 0.0897	0.0437, 0.0840

<sup>a</sup>  $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$     <sup>b</sup>  $wR2 = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2] \}^{1/2}$     <sup>c</sup>  $GOF = S = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (n-p) \}^{1/2}$

**Table S2.** Crystal and refinement data for reported complexes.

Complex	2Ni-BCy <sub>2</sub> OTf	2Pd-H	4Ni	4Ni-H	5Ni
empirical formula	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>61</sub> BF <sub>3</sub> NNiO <sub>3</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>40</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> P <sub>2</sub> PdS	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>39</sub> NNiOP <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>40</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NNiO <sub>4</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S	C <sub>64</sub> H <sub>90</sub> B <sub>4</sub> F <sub>16</sub> N <sub>6</sub> Ni <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> P <sub>4</sub>
formula weight	848.43	720.03	550.27	700.35	1563.95
T (K)	100.01	100.01	100.0	99.98	100.11
a, Å	15.7224(11)	12.2515(8)	11.5436(5)	12.7394(14)	11.4094(4)
b, Å	12.6201(9)	11.1901(7)	15.7065(6)	15.2760(17)	11.4298(4)
c, Å	22.1023(15)	24.2291(15)	15.3374(5)	16.7217(19)	30.3230(12)
α, deg	90	90	90	90	92.4620(10)
β, deg	109.324(2)	102.437(3)	90.135(2)	101.186(2)	100.545(2)
γ, deg	90	90	90	90	107.826(2)
V, Å <sup>3</sup>	4170.8(5)	3243.8(4)	2780.81(18)	3192.3(6)	3680.2(2)
Z	4	4	4	4	2
cryst syst	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
space group	P 1 21/c 1	P 1 21/c 1	P 1 21/c 1	P 1 21/c 1	P -1
d <sub>calc</sub> , g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.351	1.474	1.314	1.457	1.411
θ range, deg	2.522 to 30.530	1.702 to 30.570	1.764 to 30.552	1.822 to 30.519	2.981 to 78.736
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.645	0.783	0.836	0.828	2.208
abs cor	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
GOF <sup>c</sup>	1.041	1.076	1.005	1.050	1.078
R1, <sup>a</sup>	0.0417, 0.1143	0.0211, 0.0508	0.0321, 0.0724	0.0248, 0.0634	0.0810, 0.2035
wR2 <sup>b</sup> (I > 2σ(I))					

$$^a R1 = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum |F_o| \quad ^b wR2 = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2] \}^{1/2} \quad ^c GOF = S = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (n-p) \}^{1/2}$$

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